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NOTICE.

THE HONGKONG AND CHINA GAS CO., LD., beg to notify the Public that the PRICE OF GAS will be REDUCED from $3.50 to $3.00 per 1,000 Cubic Feet as from the 1st February, 1905.

GEORGE CURRY,
Local Secretary.
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HONGKONG ELECTRIC TRAMWAYS.

TIME TABLE.
January, 1905, and until further notice.

KENNEDY TOWN TO CAUSEWAY BAY. (Daily).
Kennedy Town to Causeway Bay ... 7.30 A.M.
and every 5 minutes until ... 11.00 P.M.
Causeway Bay to Kennedy Town ... 6.50 A.M.
and every 5 minutes until ... 10.30 P.M.

KENNEDY TOWN TO RACE COURSE. (Daily).
Kennedy Town to Race Course ... 7.36 A.M.
and every 16 minutes until ... 6.00 P.M.
Race Course to Kennedy Town ... 6.56 A.M.
and every 16 minutes until ... 6.40 P.M.

CAUSEWAY BAY TO SHAUKIWAN. (Daily).
Causeway Bay to Shaukiwan ... ... 7 A.M.
and every 18 minutes until ... 10.18 P.M.
Shaukiwan to Causeway Bay ... ... 7.36 A.M.
and every 18 minutes until ... 10.54 P.M.

WORKMEN'S CARS. (Daily Except Sundays).
Quarry Bay to No. 2 Police Station - 6.55 A.M.
No. 2 Police Station to Quarry Bay 6 P.M.
Kennedy Town to Central Market 6.55 A.M.
Central Market to Kennedy Town 6 P.M.

Special tickets for School Children may be obtained on application to the General Manager. Price 100 Tickets $5.

Special Cars may be arranged for on application to the General Manager.

Special Race Course cars leave the Hongkong Hotel (daily except Sundays) at 6, 6.15, and 6.30 A.M. returning from the Race Course at 6, 6.15, and 8.30 A.M. respectively.

J. GRAY SCOTT,
General Manager.
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KOWLOON PIGEON SHOW.

THE KOWLOON PIGEON CLUB proposes to hold a SHOW of PIGEONS on the 6th and 7th February, 1905, at the KOWLOON HOTEL. Forms of entries will be sent to all Members. As regards Non-Members, forms can be had on application to the Hon. Secretary, Mr. R. DAVID, at the Kowloon Hotel.

Entrance fee: Fifty cents per Pen.

Prizes in Money and Kind will be awarded to Winners as soon as the Judge's decision is given, but Birds will not be removed from the Show until the evening of the 7th February when the Show closes.

Admission to the Show is *free*. The Public are cordially invited. Our former Shows were very popular and were visited by Sir Henry and Lady Blake, who expressed themselves highly pleased with the exhibition.

The Classification of Exhibits is as follows:—
I.—Pouters, Cock or Hen, any colour.
II.— " Pairs " "
III.—Jacobins, Cock or Hen, any colour.
IV.— " Pairs " "
V.—Owls, Cock or Hen, any colour.
VI.— " Pairs " "
VII.—Homers, Cock or Hen, any colour.
VIII.— " Pairs " "
IX.—Any Other Variety, Pairs, Cock or Hen.
X.—Common Pigeon, any colour, Pairs, Cock or Hen.
XI.—Any kind of Cage Birds.

J. D. LOGAN,
Director.
R. DAVID,
Hon. Secretary.
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HONGKONG, FEBRUARY 3RD, 1905.

THE revolution in Russia is by no means a brand-new agitation. We have been lately told, by Russians, that it is the work of the Russian duplicate of our Little England party, that it has its beginning in the current war, that it is being carried out by worthless characters, in the pay of Russia's enemies, and so on. The Church, as in duty it feels bound, is on the side of constituted authority. In the absence of trustworthy information to the contrary, we assumed FATHER GAPON to be an enthusiastic young fool, a visionary, with impossible dreams of a Russian millennium. The Holy Synod calls him "a criminal priest," whatever that may mean; but his conduct in espousing such a dangerous cause should be taken as evidence at least of sincerity. The Holy Synod also takes up the tale of the "civil war" being inspired by enemies without, to handicap Russia in her struggle with Japan; and assures the Russian strikers that they are disobeying "God's commands" as well as the Emperor's. The connection between the Russo-Japanese war and Russia's internal colic can be made apparent only in the theory that the persecuted mice have discovered that the best time to play is when the cat is busy elsewhere. Otherwise, the desire to play is an old standing one, and the outside enemies of Russia have nothing to do with the present outbreak. Japan will regret it rather than rejoice at it, for in affording Russia such an excellent excuse for failure in Manchuria, it tends to minimise the triumph of the Japanese forces. So long ago as 1857, and, for all we know, long before that—but certainly in 1857, an agitation for a Russian constitution was recorded. It arose in consequence of the attempt of ALEXANDER II. to emancipate the serfs; and curiously enough, as in the case of our own Magna Charta, the first move came from the nobles. In exchange for the surrender of their feudal rights, the nobles demanded a constitution. Shortly afterwards, there was a proposal that the nation at large should be allowed to declare its will by means of elected representatives, but ALEXANDER II. considered that the embryo Parliament would be unwieldy in point of numbers, and probably disorderly for lack of experience in public business. Debates would generate, it was thought, a class friction that would be altogether insupportable, so a compromise was effected in the election of forty-six provincial committees consisting of land-owners. These committees were entrusted with the discussion of the emancipation scheme, and the preparation of reports for a "Formulating Commission." It was four years later that ALEXANDER II gave utterance to the famous aphorism that "Liberation without land has always ended in an increase of the proprietor's arbitrary power." He had in mind the effect in such instances as that of NAPOLEON'S emancipation of the peasants in Poland, and of our own experiment in freeing the American negroes. For "proprietor" read "capitalist," and the EMPEROR'S saying hits off with some justice the status of our own teeming masses at Home, before Trades Unions grew and multiplied so as to adjust the balance of tyranny, and even to sway it somewhat to the other extreme. As we have briefly indicated in a previous article, ALEXANDER'S well-laid scheme went wrong, owing to the success of the conservatives on the Commission, who managed to curtail the allotments while increasing the valuations by which they were to be gradually redeemed. The Imperial scheme had been hailed with such a flourish of trumpets: the Press, upon which the embargo had been temporarily relaxed, ranted in Utopian strains of political freedom and general prosperity: and when the expected fell turned out to be an inch, the seeds of the present agitation were undoubtedly planted in by no means stony ground. The temperament of the Slav is volatile, impressionable, prone to sentiments and ideals, like the French. There was a general uprising in May, 1861, and riotous demonstrations by University students in October of the same year. "Land and Liberty" was the title of a revolutionary journal widely circulated in secret. In June 1862 there was another big uprisal, on exactly similar lines to the present one, and in the same places. Then as now the troops indulged in licensed butchery. In 1863, the year of the Polish rebellion, MURAVIEV'S severity in Lithuania shocked the world, whole towns being given up to fire and pillage by Imperial troops. Ever since, the trouble has been an almost annual recurrence. It is a shock to be told to-day by REUTER that six thousand Parisians have met to denounce the events taking place in Russia, seeing that it was French philosophers who gave birth to nihilism in the eighteenth century; and the temporary success of the Paris Commune in 1871 that fanned it into fiercer flame in Russia. Nihilism killed itself by its own violent excesses, but revolution remained in the air. When the present TSAR received his first deputation in January 1895, the party that had come to do homage hinted that the *zemstvos* was only the germ of representative institutions. His reference to the teaching of his English tutor, HEATH, that "a man's happiness may be measured by the amount of happiness which he confers on others," perhaps encouraged them. They were told then, what we have been told lately, that the principle of autocracy is to be maintained. Whether it should or should not be maintained is a question with which we are not immediately concerned. Whether it can be maintained is another. The Russian Government is not fighting a dissatisfied political clique; it is fighting the modern *weltgeist*, the universal array of ideals which are more terrible politically than an army with banners. The Russian protestant has always been bullied or cajoled into quiescence in the past. It is merely a question how much longer he will be in making up his mind what he wants, with sufficient clearness to cause the struggle to be less spasmodic and more determined.

The s.s. *Scotsman* on Wednesday cleared for Vladivostock with a cargo of rice from Saigon.

A Singapore "boy," for stealing some of his master's brandy, was fined for "criminal breach of trust."

A Police shooting match, to be shot off at Tai Hang, will take place on Saturday. Arrangements are being made by Inspector Robertson.

Peak members of the Hongkong Volunteer Reserve Association have challenged Hongkong and Kowloon members for the best average at next Monday's shoot. The King's Park Range (500 yards) will be available on that day from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and every member is particularly requested to attend, both on this occasion and on the 18th inst. at the same place from 1.30 p.m. to 5 p.m., to enable the handicappers to draw up a list of handicaps.—

Yesterday the N.D.L. s.s. *Sachsen* broke down off Hongkong Island and was towed to port by the tug *Robert Cooke*.

Sanitary measures against Hongkong for preventing the introduction of plague by sea are being enforced at Orissa and Chittagong.

Coal valued at Yen 14,817,868 was exported from Japan last year; the value of the coal exported during the preceding year was Yen 19,260,503.

Pagain, the Igorrote murderer, is stated to have developed acute mania since his committal. H.E. the Governor has granted a respite and ordered that the man be imprisoned during His Majesty's pleasure.

Major-General F. G. Slade, C.B., on a tour of inspection of the defences of the Eastern Colonies, arrived here by the s.s. *Sachsen*. He was met by Major-General Villiers Hatton, C.B., attended by Captain E. S. Ward, A.D.C. He will remain with the General during his stay Hongkong.

The programme of music to be performed by the band of the 2nd Royal West Kent Regiment on the New Parade Ground, on Monday next, from 4.30 to 6 p.m., is drawn up as under:—

Grand March from ...	"Tannhauser"	Wagner
Overture to	"Zampa"	Herold
Selection of	"Tosti's Songs" ...	Pougher
Valse	"Wiener Kinder" ...	Strauss
Descriptive Fantasia	"A Hunting Scene"	Bucalossi
Selection from	"The Gondoliers"	Sullivan

The Washington State Department, says the *Japan Herald*, has directed the American Embassy at St. Petersburg to petition the Admiralty Court for a re-hearing of the Portland Asiatic Line steamer *Arabia* (captured by the Russian Vladivostock Squadron on July 22nd 100 miles north of Yokohama), on the ground that the time afforded owing to the delays incident to communication was insufficient for the perfection of an appeal before the case came up.

The *Nagasaki Press* says that the Japanese Minister at Seoul has entered into negotiation with the Korean Government on some important demands preferred by Japan. It is reported that the Japanese Government desires to have permission granted by the Korean authorities for Japanese steamers to freely engage in the Korean coasting trade, to have all Korean Ministers recalled from foreign countries, and also to be entrusted with the management of the post and telegraph business on condition that the means of communications be made one of Korea's good sources of revenue by the efforts of the Japanese Government.

In answer to the statement made by the labour unions of San Francisco in a protest against the reduction of the Dingley tariff on Philippine cigars and cigarettes, to the effect that "coolie labour," was employed in the cigar factories in the islands, the Filipino Cigar Makers Union of Manila sent the following cablegram to President Roosevelt:—"Filipino cigar makers protest against the false statement of the San Francisco workmen who allege that we employ Chinese labour to manufacture cigars. We appeal to the generosity of the American people for free admission for Philippine manufactured tobacco, as a natural consequence of American sovereignty."

The *Daily Mail's* Geneva correspondent wires that Mrs. Gladstone Dowie, née Hofer, has returned to Lake Constance convinced that the "prophet's son" had fallen in love with her money and not with herself. "Her married life was unhappy," the correspondent says. "She found herself, instead of being a wife, in reality an upper servant. Neglect and continual hypocrisy opened her eyes to the true state of affairs, and Dowie's posing as the restored Elijah was the last straw. She determined to quit Zion City at all costs. The Dowieites at first refused to let her go, but she threatened to run away, and finally they gave in. Her mother sent her money, and, disillusioned, broken in health and spirits, she arrived at her old home the other day. Her brothers are rich manufacturers in Geneva."

By kind permission of Major Radcliff and officers, the Band of the 93rd Burma Infantry will play the following programme of music, at the King Edward Hotel, during dinner, this (Friday) evening:—

March ...	"Sweeter than the Sugar Cane"	Witt
Overture ..	"The Bohemian Girl"	Balfe
Selection ...	"Reminiscences of Scotland"	Godfrey
Lancers ...	"The Savoy"	Sullivan
Waltz	"Revenge"	Follet
Selection ...	"The Duchess of Dantzic"	Ivan Caryll
Galop	"Le Diable on Corps"	Gillet

MENU:—Hors D'Œuvres—Sliced Beetroots, Tomatoes, and Water Cress, Red Fish on Toast. Soups—Mock Turtle and Italian Paste. Fish—Boiled Fish and Anchovy Sauce. Entrees—Larded Brisket of Pigeon, Grilled Fillet of Beef and Parsley, Sheep's Tongue on Aspic. Joints—Roast Sirloin of Beef, Roast Turkey, and Cold York Ham. Curry—Curry Lobster. Salad—Salad a la Germaine. Vegetables—Boiled Potatoes, Mashed Potatoes, Green Peas, and Fried Sweet Potatoes. Sweets—Plum Pudding, Tipsy Cakes, Vanilla Ice Cream. Finger Cakes. Fruits in Season. Tea and Coffee.

CHANTABOON EVACUATED.

The last detachment of French troops left Chantaboon-Paknam at 2 p.m. on the 8th January. The evacuation has, therefore, been completed a day within the ten days fixed by the Protocol of June 29th last, which were to run from December 30th, the day on which the territories ceded to France under the Treaty were placed at the disposal of the French Authorities.

Before his departure, the Commandant of the French troops issued a proclamation, stating that a treaty had been concluded between France and Siam, which removed all difficulties and strengthened the friendly relations between the two countries. There was, therefore, no reason why the French troops should remain any longer in Chantaboon. A Consul would be stationed to look after the interests of French subjects. In taking leave he trusted that all the inhabitants of Chantaboon, both French and Siamese subjects, would enjoy prosperity in the future.

TELEGRAMS.

[REUTER'S SERVICE.]

ANOTHER "ENQUIRY."

LONDON, 31st January.

Count Lamsdorff has informed the Hon. Charles Hardinge that he has ordered a searching enquiry to be made in Warsaw into the recent attacks on the British Consuls; and the complete effacement of the placards in Libau and Moscow. The Count has expressed unqualified disapproval of the conduct of the Moscow Prefects.

THAT WONDERFUL PARIS.

LONDON, 31st January.

Yesterday evening 6,000 persons met in Paris to denounce the events taking place in Russia; extraordinary police precautions were taken. As the meeting was breaking up a bomb was thrown, and two Republican Guard were wounded; several arrests were made. Another bomb was found outside the residence of Prince Trubitmiksi, the Russian attaché.

OBITUARY.

LONDON, 31st January.

The death is announced of Mr. Lawrence Colville Jackson, K.C., lately Judicial Commissioner, Federated Malay States.

THE WAR.

[REUTER'S SERVICE.]

THE NORTH SEA ENQUIRY.

LONDON, 31st January.

Captain Klado, of the Russian Navy, in his evidence before the Commission now sitting at Paris, emphatically and circumstantially reiterated the story of the encounter with torpedo-boats in the North Sea.

JAPAN'S REPLY TO RUSSIA'S NOTE.

We have received from Mr. M. Noma, Japanese Consul, the following telegram:—

SHANGHAI, January 31st, 1.2 p.m.

Communication of the Japanese Government addressed to the Powers relative to the Russian Note:—"The attention of the Imperial Government has been drawn to the communication recently addressed by Russia to the Powers on the subject of the neutrality of China. The duty of defending China against the designs of Russia does not devolve on the Imperial Government, but so far as those accusations call in question the good faith and loyalty of Japan to her engagements, the Imperial Government feels bound to repel them.

(1) Russia indirectly suggests that the capture of the *Reschiteini* involved the violation of Chinese neutrality on the part of Japan. The capture in question was, on the contrary, nothing more than a neutral and inevitable measure of self-defence made necessary by the prior disregard of China's neutrality by Russia. The facts of the case were fully explained by the Imperial Government at the time, and it is consequently unnecessary to repeat them in the present Note.

(2) It is next asserted in the Russian communication that it has been ascertained many times: (*a*) that bands of Chunchuses, operating in neutral territory, were commanded by Japanese officers; (*b*) that a whole detachment of these Chunchuses have been enrolled on instituted method, and are in the pay of the Japanese Government; (*c*) that Japanese military instructors are constantly making private agreements among the Chinese soldiers stationed along the northern boundaries. It has been repeatedly ascertained that these reports are one and all wholly and absolutely without foundation. The Imperial Government consequently, categorically and without qualification or reservation, deny them, and declare that Russia cannot produce any evidence worthy of credence to support their so-called ascertained charges.

(3) It is next stated that it has been established that the Japanese have been using Miaotao Island as a naval base for operations. Nothing of the kind can be established, for the sufficient reason that the accusations are destitute of truth. As a matter of fact, however, those islands were used by Russia as a naval base until the blockade of Liaotung peninsula was proclaimed; and thereafter, until the fall of Port Arthur, they were made use of as a place of call for military junks employed by Russia in smuggling military stores through the blockade of Port Arthur from the Shantung province. During this latter period, Japanese men-of-war, it is true, cruised in the neighbourhood of these islands when they were approachable. It was deemed necessary to keep watch on the movements of these junks, but that a naval base in any sense of the word was ever created there by Japan is absolutely denied. It may be added that it was within the territorial waters of this Miaotao group that in March, 1904, the privately-owned Japanese steamer *Hanai Maru* was fired on and sunk by a Russian man-of-war.

(4) It is further charged that we are importing into Dalny from Chefoo and other Chinese ports great quantities of contraband of war. The Imperial Government does not deny that they have obtained from Chefoo, through private persons, supplies for their forces in the field, neither do they deny that these articles, having in view their destination, were contraband of war; but they do deny that this constituted a breach of China's neutrality either on the part of Japan or China, as trade in contraband is not interdicted by international law—it is carried on subject to right of hostile capture. The fact that Russia is not now in a position to exercise that right is not sufficient to make illicit traffic what would otherwise be entirely illicit. Russia did not regard trade with China in contraband as a violation of China's neutrality so long as she was in the possession of Port Arthur and was able to benefit by it. This is shown by the fact that during the siege she drew a large portion of her military supplies for the fortress from China. Some idea of the extent of the traffic may be gathered from the fact that no less than half-a-dozen steamers and many tens of junks were captured in attempting to pierce the blockade. Beside, we have several instances in which Russia, unlike the Japanese army, which obtained supplies from private individuals, herself fitted out vessels at several Chinese ports and transported contraband goods in them in flagrant violation of China's neutrality.

(5) The complaint that the Government shops at Hanyang are furnishing cast-iron to the Japanese army stands practically on the same footing as the charge last above referred to. The facts of the case are as follows:—About four years ago a private firm in Japan entered into contract with the Hanyang foundry for the supply of a certain quantity of pig iron. The Imperial Government was not a party to the contract, neither had they anything to do with the transaction. The due fulfilment of the contract in question furnishes the only foundation for the accusation under this head.

(6) It is finally alleged in the Russian communication that the Chinese are no longer satisfied with a violation of neutrality in the directions indicated, and are making serious preparations with the apparent intention of taking an active part in the military operations. And that a feverish excitement, dangerous alike to all Europeans, prevails amongst the Chinese people, who are constantly being aroused. This condition of things, it is asserted, is due to the actions of the Japanese, and to their intimidating the Chinese. This is as hard on the Government at Peking as on the Japanese. It is difficult to imagine how it would be possible to frame charges more mischievous or more remote from the actual facts, than these theories. The assertion that the Chinese are making preparations with the intention of taking part with the Japanese in the hostilities is entirely destitute of truth. That there is at the present moment in China any anti-foreign movement or an increase in the anti-foreign feeling is equally unfounded. That Japan has attempted to draw China into the conflict or to cause a recrudescence of anti-foreign sentiment in China is precisely contrary to the facts which our Imperial Government believe to be within the knowledge of all the Powers. At the beginning of the war our Imperial Government agreed to the localization of warlike operations and engaged to respect the neutrality of China outside the belligerent zone provided that Russia, making a similar engagement to the Powers, should in good faith fulfil the conditions of the engagement. Our Imperial Government loyally and in good faith kept their engagement and they have no other intention than to continue to do so. They have at all times since the outbreak of hostilities watched with the utmost vigilance the course of events in China and have repeatedly, whenever occasion arose, advised the Chinese Government in the strongest manner possible to maintain an attitude of strict neutrality and to take all necessary steps to protect the lives and property of foreigners. They will feel bound to pursue the same course in future if the situation in China at any time becomes such as to make similar action necessary or desirable. The conclusion of the Russian communication makes it abundantly clear that the motive of the Russian Government in formulating the baseless accusation which it contains was to relieve themselves of an engagement, the terms of which, with the progress of the war, are no longer to their advantage."

Statement presented to the Powers together with the foregoing communication:—

"Statement of some of the more conspicuous instances in which Russia has violated the neutrality of China:—

(1) It is a notorious fact that Russia frequently dispatched her troops into Mongolia for the purpose of imposing military tariffs, and that she appropriated to military use horses, provisions, etc., collected from that province.

(2) In October last Russia chartered at Tientsin the German merchant steamer *Fuping* and loaded her with arms, ammunition, provisions, etc. The vessel was placed under the control and direction of a Russian military officer, Capt. Wasuiyurhab Wichesseksalt, and was to run the blockade at Port Arthur; however, she was captured by one of the Imperial men-of-war off Pehuluchengtao and taken to the Sasebo Prize Court, where the foregoing facts were disclosed upon examination.

(3) In December last Russia attempted to forward from Kalgan to Port Arthur 3,600,000 rounds of small ammunition concealed in 2,330 sheepskin packages, which were addressed to the Chinese authorities at Fengtai; the latter also sedulously forwarded from Kalgan and other places about 4,000 packages of the same description and 3,200 sets of saddles at Houankwafu, all of which had been clandestinely forwarded by Russia. Judging from the manner in which this was despatched and the enormous quantity, it is evident that these articles were intended for military purposes to be used at the theatre of war.

(4) In June last, wireless telegraphic apparatus was installed within the compound of the Russian Consulate at the treaty port of Chefoo and at other places, whereby direct communication was established with Port Arthur fortress. In utter defiance of the protests from the Chinese authorities, the apparatus was maintained and continued in use.

(5) It is well known that the Russian gunboat *Mandjur*, which lay in the port of Shanghai at the outbreak of hostilities, unwarrantably refused to leave port for several weeks after the demand for her immediate departure had been made by the Chinese authorities, and it was only after prolonged negotiation that the commander of the vessel finally agreed to disarm her. In consequence of the naval engagement of the 10th August last, the *Askold* and *Grozovoi* took refuge at Shanghai, and their commanders refused, under various pretexts, either to leave the port or disarm the men-of-war. It was only after several weeks of negotiation that the vessels eventually disarmed. It had been learned that, in November last, when the members of the crew of the *Reshetelni* were on their way from Chefoo to Shanghai to be interned there, the commander illicitly left the transport at Woosung on the pretence of paying a visit to the Russian Consulate and escaped to Europe on board a steamer which left the port for Europe on the same day. This he did in total disregard of the internment enforced on him by the Chinese Government, and, as if in approval of his action, he has since been decorated by the Emperor of Russia. Later on the crew of the *Bastoropny* were also to be interned at Shanghai. The commander of the said man-of-war, Paul Mikhail Owichplen, and the sub-lieutenant, Klawdy Valentin Owicheslion, secretly found their way on to a merchant ship called the *Nigretia*, and attempted to escape to Vladivostock in the disguise of freight agents. They were discovered by the Imperial Japanese navy, and confessed the above acts at the Sasebo Prize Court.

(7) In December, Lieutenant Commander Mitzenroff, second in command of the *Poltava*, and seven others, including a naval officer, reached Chefoo in a small sailing vessel from Port Arthur, whereon negotiations were opened with the Russian Consul by the local authorities demanding that these Russians were to be interned in China; but the Russian Consul, on the pretence of being merciful, allowed them to escape to Tientsin and other localities.

(8) With a view to limiting the area of hostile operations in the present war to as small a zone as possible, the Imperial Government has invariably respected China's neutrality in the region west of Liaoho, but Russia has repeatedly violated it, and is at this moment stationing a large force of her army in that region."

THE WASTAGE OF WAR.

The drain upon Russia's strength in men for the Japanese War is either becoming incomparably greater than any obtainable figures would seem to show, or else Russia's actual resources in men are very much below what is generally supposed. The latter supposition is easily explained by the methods of the Recruiting Committees in times of peace, the general state of corruption in the Russian official world applying with particular force to an institution which everybody is anxious to get the best of. Thus, the lists of reserve men are probably very much below the forces which Russia should have available at any moment. On the other hand, the wastage of men in Russian campaigns is always enormous, and in the present case can be compared only to the losses incurred in the Crimean campaign before the field of battle was reached. One hears grim stories of dead men flung out of troop trains at all the stopping places—either frozen stiff by the terrible cold on the way, or, if the horse-trucks in which Russian soldiers travel are provided with a stove (one of the little iron arrangements in the middle of the truck), it often gets out of order and suffocates with wood-gas many of the men.

The districts last mobilised in Poland and the Baltic Province are being most severely dealt with, notwithstanding the Czar's express orders that men with three helpless ones dependent upon them were to be spared. As a matter of fact, I have trustworthy evidence that every man is being taken, and even the medical examination is not too searching as to fitness, the reply to all sorts of medical objections being "We want all we can get." I know of men of thirty-six with families of three, four, and more little children being taken, and several cases of men with very feeble health being unable to plead their infirmities with success. The manner in which the Czar's order was stultified by the Military authorities is very instructive of Russian methods. It is, of course, impossible to ignore an Imperial order, but the authorities signified that any man liable to serve, but coming under the exemption accorded by the Czar, must put in his application to be freed himself with all the necessary papers. Practically, the man is in Manchuria before it is found convenient to examine the papers. There is no redress, and it is becoming plain that Russia's needs are great indeed, notwithstanding the altogether impossibly optimistic health reports circulated officially about the state of the armies in the field.—*Standard's* Moscow Corr.

PILOTS.

The Merchant Service Guild have just received letters from their solicitors at Melbourne and Sydney, Australia, who are respectively Mr. James Hall, and Mr. Walter Marks. Mr. Hall, in referring to the loss of the P. & O. liner *Australia* when entering Melbourne, states that consternation has arisen in the minds of pilots, shipmasters, and others, in Australia, owing to what is considered by competent authorities as the unnecessarily severe tests now required by the Marine Department through their specialist oculist. He appears to require the standard of sight to be considerably higher than the Board of Trade, with the result that three of the pilots have been placed in positions of some difficulty. These pilots, Mr. Hall states, are men of great capacity in their profession, and were considered to have good sight by the travelling public. According to Mr. Hall, the Marine Board is relenting now the period of stage fright has passed, and he thinks the standard of the Board of Trade will be accepted. His view is, that if the Marine Board had not modified their views, the effect would have been far-reaching, and great hardships would have been inflicted on many of the most competent of the Australian coasting masters.

Mr. Marks informs the Guild that the Commonwealth Government are introducing a Navigation and Shipping Bill, which is on the lines of the Merchant Shipping Act of 1894, but with many necessary improvements. A Royal Commission has been appointed to visit each State and hear evidence from those wishing to give it.

THE HOLLYWOOD ROAD HOLOCAUST.

CHARGES OF MURDER AND ARSON.

The hearing of the case in which Chan Chung and Tang Hop were charged with murder and arson in connection with the fire at No. 168 Hollywood Road, wherein several persons were burnt to death, was continued before Mr. H. H. J. Gompertz at the Police Court yesterday. Mr. F. J. Badeley, Captain-Superintendent of Police, prosecuted, and Mr. Hursthouse (of Messrs. Donnys and Bowley's office) represented the Meiji Fire Insurance Company. Prisoners were not defended.

In Po, Chief Chinese Detective, declared: On the morning of the 12th ult. at 2.15 a.m., I was in a chair going from West to East. Just as I reached No. 170, Hollywood Road, I heard someone calling out "Fire." He called out two or three times. I then saw a man standing outside the door of No. 168. I looked in and saw that all was in darkness. I caught hold of the man who shouted "Fire." Then I saw fire burn up suddenly inside No 168. The man I seized was the first defendant. I afterwards saw the second defendant running out of No. 168. I also caught hold of him. I then shouted out "Fire" and afterwards said to the defendants, "This is your doing." The first defendant said:—"The master order me to do it." I smelt a strong smell of kerosene in the premises. I asked the prisoners where the master had gone. One of them replied, "He has gone to Canton." After the fire caught, it was only about one minute before it spread all over the ground floor.

William Sydney Bissell, sworn, submitted a plan showing the positions of floors, etc., in houses Nos. 168, Hollywood Road, and 39, Square Street.

Kwok Yik San declared: On the early morning of the 12th January I was going along Hollywood Road. I heard someone behind me cry out "Fire." I walked back in the direction of the cry, when I saw Iu Po arrest two men. I looked in No. 168 and saw a little fire. I heard the detective say "This is your work." I then warned them and said—"You are unlucky; you will get twenty years at least." I stayed there three or four minutes, and when I left the fire was burning strongly.

Li Yee Sui, P.C. No. 375, said the second defendant ran out of the house fully dressed.

Wong Pak Mo said: I lived at No. 168, Hollywood Road, second floor, with my wife and two children. On the night of the 11th January we were sleeping there. I was awakened in the early morning, and on going out to the verandah saw flame coming from the ground floor. I shouted "fire," and rushing in again caught up my son, and went up to the third floor. I there laid down my son and looked for a way of escape, but could not find one. My uncle and cousin, who were on the verandah with me, pulled down the partition and we escaped into the house on the eastern side, and out by Square Street. After I got to the third floor, I was unable, owing to the fierceness of the fire, to return to the second to try to save my wife and daughters. Later in the morning I informed the Police that my wife was missing, and went with Inspector Gourlay to the scene of the fire, where I identified the bodies of my wife and daughters.

Hearing continues.

CANTON.

[FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.]

1st February, 1905.

A GOOD STORY.

Just about the end of the year, creditors expect their debtors to settle all accounts, so as to begin "square" in the new year. When the debtors will not, or cannot pay, the creditors, in order to enforce the quicker settlement of their accounts, will sometimes go themselves or send their poor relatives to the debtor's house to sleep and eat until the debt is paid. Here is the story of how one debtor defeated the plan of his creditors. A man named Chan, who keeps a shop in Ho Pun Street, sued his debtors Chow and others at the mandarin yamen for a debt of a few thousand dollars. Palm oil reached the mandarin Chan, and the plaintiff not only lost his case, but had to pay the defendant $1,500. He went home infuriated, determined not to pay. What did the defendants do? They hired and sent about a dozen women, old and young, to his shop to eat and sleep there, of course at the expense of the plaintiff, and to make as much noise as they could. After standing this for a day or two the plaintiff quietly hired six or seven lepers to stay in his shop. The women cleared off then.

LOST HIS HEAD.

A native by name Wong Ngah Chew for falsely pretending to be a Japanese and a Roman Catholic, thereby committing fraud, interfering in matter of law, and complaining against the mandarins, was arrested in Sam Sui, tried before the Nam Hoi Magistrate, and sentenced to capital punishment. A few days ago he was tied hand and foot, and carried to the execution ground and decapitated.

CHINESE JUSTICE.

A woman, Li Mak She, of middle age, short and thin, has undergone the most cruel and barbarous punishment of *lingtze*, by being tied to a cross and cut into slices, for having killed her husband and mother-in-law by rat-poison.

A PANIC.

Canton is experiencing severe cold just now. It is snowing, and mendicants are dying of cold and hunger. On account of the rumour that a number of firms in Hongkong are on the brink of insolvency, commercial credit here has been considerably shaken. Indeed, the merchants were in something like a panic, until a few leading merchants came up from Hongkong and assured them that they would be responsible in necessary cases.

CORRESPONDENCE.

A DUSTBIN PROBLEM.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "DAILY PRESS."

2nd February.

SIR,—I shall be glad if you will allow me a small space in your valuable paper to reproduce the enclosed cutting from *Lloyd's News*, which is interesting to your readers and to the community at large:—

An important case relating to the collection of house refuse came before the Spelthorne magistrates at Sunbury. The Teddington Urban District Council recently decided to waive a daily collection of dust, and circularised householders requesting them to place their dustbins in front of their houses. Mr. George Biddell, of The Hawthorns, Udney-park-road, Teddington, refused to comply with this notice, maintaining that it was the duty of the council to take the refuse from the back of his premises. The council denied their responsibility, and consequently were summoned by Mr. Biddell for failing to fulfil their obligations under section 42 of the Public Health Act, 1875.—The council's representative contended that that authority could pass a resolution to the effect that they would not collect any refuse at all.—In imposing a nominal fine of 5s., the chairman of the Bench (Mr. John Ashby) said the magistrates considered the council's request reasonable and proper, but the council having undertaken to collect house refuse, must do so, and if a householder refused to place the dust receptacle in front of his house then the council must go to the back and fetch it.—Yours, &c.,

A RATEPAYER.

THE SEAMEN'S HOME.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "DAILY PRESS."

Hongkong, 2nd February.

SIR,—Your correspondent "Expert" is entirely wrong in his conclusions. Without wishing to enter into any controversy on the subject, I, being best qualified to know, will state the real facts.

The $60 deposit is simply a guarantee to the Sailors' Home, as it is responsible for the man's keep for six months, not *one month* as stated. If the man reships before his deposit is exhausted, and he generally does, the balance, after the cost of his board and lodging has been deducted, is refunded. Sailors are charged at the rate of $1.15 per day and officers at the rate of $1.80. It might also be added that in the event of a seaman becoming sick, the Home guarantees his hospital expenses.

Without making any boast as to the fare provided, "Expert" will confer a favour if he will take the trouble to visit the Home. I shall be only too pleased to show him round, and let him see what value discharged seafarers get for their money. From his total ignorance of the subject, I am convinced that he has never been within the walls of the Home, and his letter is only worthy of a reply on account of the interest that is centred on the subject at this time, and because of the erroneous ideas it might give rise to.—Yours sincerely,

A. A. H. MILROY.
Superintendent Sailors' Home.

THE RELIEF OF DESTITUTE SEAMEN.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "DAILY PRESS."

SIR,—I have failed to find any justification in the letter written by His Excellency the Governor for the statement in "Expert's" letter that the charge for board and lodging at the Sailors' Home is $60 a month. His Excellency puts the charge at $1.15 per day, and when "Expert" adds to his list the cost of lighting, fuel for cooking, servants, the salary of the superintendent and the rental of the building (or interest on capital invested if no "house rent" is paid), his figures prove to me that $35.65 is not an extortionate charge for the accommodation, but an extremely moderate one.

The demand for a deposit of $60 when a man enters the institution suggests to my mind that the authorities calculate that when a man gets stranded here he will be very fortunate if he finds another berth within a couple of months. That I take to be the teaching of experience. His Excellency apparently is under the impression that the average stay at the Home is from 10 to 20 days.

UBIQUE.

CHOPSTICK FEAST IN LONDON.

Ching Ling Foo, the Chinese magician, considers that he has won a moral victory.

He challenged his rival, Chung Ling Soo, who is now appearing at the Hippodrome, to a test of skill, and the rival declined the combat. In order to celebrate his moral victory, Ching Ling Foo invited a few friends to the Hotel Provence to a quiet dinner.

"Chopsticks provided" was the intimation on the invitation card.

The dinner was thoroughly Chinese, with the exception of the wines. There were fourteen dishes, each about three inches in diameter, and their mysterious contents were of various flavours—such as those of chicken, shrimps, and nuts.

The manipulation of the chopsticks caused much distress to the European visitors, even after they had been instructed how to use them. The Chinese guest smiled indulgently, and picked up tiny grains of rice to show how easily it could be done.

A curious point of Chinese etiquette was that Ching Ling Foo did not appear until the end of the feast. Mrs. Ching, her brother, and pretty little Chee Toy, her daughter, sat at the table, and directed the nimble Chinese waiters. Ching Ling Foo was in the kitchen, superintending the cooking, which was all done by himself and his Chinese servants. To prepare the dinner with his own hands is the greatest compliment a Chinaman can offer his guests.

Mrs. Ching sipped a few cups of tea, but the customs of her country forbade her to eat before her guests.

When the dinner was finished Ching Ling Foo appeared, wished his guests "Chin chin," and drank a cup of tea in their honour. He afterwards made a few plates and wine bottles vanish, and did more magic with five tiny red balls than most conjurors could do with a stageful of paraphernalia.

Little Chee Toy ended a lively evening by singing "Because I love you" in English with frequent lapses into her native tongue.

SUPREME COURT.

Thursday, 2nd February.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

BEFORE HIS HONOUR MR. T. SERCOMBE SMITH (PUISNE JUDGE).

LAU WAN KUT V. TSUI KWAI.

Hearing resumed in this action, in which the plaintiff claimed $210, damages, and $17.70 costs, the damages being value of the deficiency of certain goods which the defendant undertook to carry from Chan Tsun to Hongkong. Mr. R. A. Harding appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. R. F. C. Master (of Messrs Johnson, Stokes and Master) for the defendant.

The plaintiff having closed his case, witnesses were called for the defence. The junk master said:—I did not know the plaintiff's cargo was rice; we are not allowed to carry rice out of China. On the 10th ult., when we got as far as Capsuimun, some rice leaked out. There was a strong wind which made the junk heel over and the cargo shift. Lo Sz, a man in my employ, receives and delivers general cargo. Rice is not included in general cargo, and Lo had no authority to receive rice. He knew that such act was breaking the law. If I had known that rice was on board before I left, Chan Tsun I should have refused to carry it. As the freight for turnips is six candareens per picul, the freight for five thousand catties would be about Tls. 3. During the bad weather at Capsuimun two jars fell overboard, and several ounces escaped from other jars. Lo saw the cargo on shore at Hongkong.

By the Court—I was on board during the unloading.

Witness continuing—Lo received the freight.

By the Court—It went into my pocket afterwards.

Witness continuing—The purchase price of rice is a little over Tls. 2 per picul. I was never told that some of these jars were broken, nor that some of the rice was missing. There was not room for all the jars in the hold.

By the Court—About fifty of the hundred jars were stowed on deck and the remainder in the hold. Those on deck were covered with matting.

Witness continuing—The jars could not have been tampered with on my junk. I do not know whether or not they were broken, as they were in baskets.

Cross-examined—I generally ask Lo about cargo, and did question him about these hundred baskets. He said they were turnips, but did not show me the manifest then, and I did not ask him for it. The freight is always the same.

Mr. Harding—When did you first know that the freight was going to be $75?

Witness—When we got to Capsuimun and the rice fell out. I said to Lo that he was cheating me. I had to deliver these goods at Hongkong. I did not speak to the man who came to take delivery. Someone came off on the 12th and spoke to my supercargo and I overheard the conversation. The stranger said we could not ask for so much freight, and the other replied, "We have broken the law." On the 10th ult. at Capsuimun I told Lo to write $70 on the envelope.

His Honour—There has been ratification.

In adjourning the case His Honour, addressing the plaintiff, who is a Canton resident, said:—Will you have recovered from the China New Year by Tuesday morning?

The plaintiff nodded his head.

CHAN CHIK HI TONG V. LI KOK U AND TWO OTHERS.

This claim was for $1,000. Mr. Almada e Castro, appearing for the plaintiff, said:—The defendants were partners, and the debt was incurred before the partnership was dissolved.

The second and third defendants admitted the debt. In reply to His Honour asking the first defendant if he also admitted it, the man replied:—I do not know; I have gone into bankruptcy now and have no money.

His Honour—Judgment and costs against the second and third defendants. The proceedings against the first defendant stayed.

SAYCE V. NOMURA.

Mr. D. V. Stevenson (of Messrs. Deacon, Looker and Deacon) again appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. Almada e Castro for the defendant. The plaintiff sought to recover eight cases of dates, valued at $100, handed by him to the defendant for sale, or their value. The defendant returned the dates, but the plaintiff said that now they were not in a saleable condition and therefore he would not receive them. In the witness-box the plaintiff said:—I had eight cases of dates for five months, and then, in June 1904, gave them to the defendant to sell. The dates (sample produced) are now spoiled. Here (produced) are samples of good dates. There are now only seven and a half cases of dates.

Cross-examined—The good dates are of a different brand to the bad ones. I have had the good dates two months. I cannot say that my shop is damp.

The defendant—In June 1904 the plaintiff gave me eight boxes of dates to send to Japan I did not examine the contents of the cases. It was a friendly agreement, I receiving no commission. No time was fixed within which the dates were to be sold. On the 1st September I left for Japan, having first seen Mr. Sayce. I said to him I was going to Japan, would try my best to sell them. Sayce asked for security. I was not able to sell the dates. I arrived back at Hongkong on the 30th December, and Sayce saw me on the 4th January. He said he would take legal proceedings. The dates arrived back at Hongkong on the 17th December, before me. Half a case must have been used as samples, and therefore only seven and a half cases arrived back at Hongkong.

Cross-examined—My consignee in Japan said it was very hard to sell the goods.

Mr. Stevenson—Why did you not tell him to send them back to Hongkong?

His Honour—Why did you not send them to Port Arthur? (Laughter).

Witness—I told him to send them back in October. I told all my friends in Japan that they were good dates, but they did not want them. I saw samples of the dates in Japan; they looked spoiled. The consignee told me the dates were spoiled and the card-board boxes were stained. I did not get the bill of lading for them on my return to Hongkong till about the 20th January.

His Honour—The question arises as to whether the defendant wantonly detained these goods, and of course if he has done so he is liable for damage to them. Before handing them to the defendant the plaintiff already had them in the Colony for five months during the worst months in the year. Originally these dates were handed to the defendant to be sold without commission quite friendly—and there is no evidence that any time was fixed in which the defendant had to either sell or return them. When the defendant was going to Japan the plaintiff demanded security. The defendant refused, and I do not see why he should have done otherwise. On arriving at Japan he found the dates musty, and not in a good condition. I think I may presume that if these dates were saleable the Japanese, who have a sweet tooth like others, would have bought them. If they were not marketable October, November or December would be as reasonable, the one as the other, for returning them. Judgment for the defendant and costs.

FIRE IN QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

At about 6.30 p.m. yesterday fire broke out on the second floor of a three-story house, kept by Cheng Yuk Chun of the Nam Loong firm, in Queen's Road Central. The flames spread rapidly till the whole upper part of the building was blazing. Fire Brigade operations were carried out under the orders of Chief Inspector Baker, a number of bluejackets lending a hand. A large crowd of Europeans backed by a throng of Chinese watched the conflagration. Inspector Dymond was in charge of police regulating the traffic. The roof over the block of three houses, Nos. 86, 97 and 99, crashed in. The fire was well under control at about a quarter to eight. The upper floors were completely gutted, while the ground and first floors were damaged by water. The premises were insured in L'Urbaine Insurance Company for $35,000, in the Tung U Insurance Company for $10,000 and in the Imperial Insurance Company for $10,000.

FOOTBALL.

R.E. V. R.G.A.

Played at Happy Valley yesterday afternoon, this match ended in a win for the R.E. The Artillery kicked off and at once commenced to press, but Henwood cleared in good style. The Engineers then took up the running in the left wing. Bessy scored the first goal with a fast oblique shot. One of the Artillery was hurt and had to leave the field for a little. The change of ends saw some pretty passing among the R.E. forwards. Both defences were good. A clever piece of play between Ogle and Hampson finished with the latter centering finely. Heatley shot a goal.

Result—R.E., 2; R.G.A., 0.

Y.M.C.A. (CHINESE DEPARTMENT) V. MOSLEMS.

This match was played at Causeway Bay yesterday afternoon.

Result—Y.M.C.A., 3; Moslems, 1.

CRICKET.

SWATOW V. HONGKONG.

Messrs. T. C. Gray and A. O. Brawn are going to Swatow to-day instead of Messrs. W. W. Ross and P. W. Goldring.

KOWLOON C.C. V. R.E.

The following players have been selected to play for the Kowloon C.C. against the R.E. in the League match at Happy Valley, at 2.30 p.m. to-morrow (Saturday):—S. Lightfoot, J. Parkes, J. Clelland, E. R. Herton, Dr. J. H. Swan, J. Robinson, H. L. Garrett, Lieut. F. C. Burd, Lieut. W. F. Lumsden, Lieut. W. B. Duncan, Lieut. G. H. Dobbyn, and P. Moss.

SOLDIERS' CLUB CHALLENGE SHIELD.

The final in the Soldiers' Club Challenge Shield (Cricket) was played at Happy Valley yesterday afternoon. The match, R.E. Staff and Department v. the R.W.K. Regiment, ended in a win for the Engineers by eleven runs.

BOWLS.

The drawing of the Hongkong Civil Service C.C. Monthly Bowls Competition, the first round to be finished on or before the 15th inst., is as follows:—McIver v Coysh, Higby v Raven, Parkinson v R. Hudson, W. H. E. Smith v Hill, Gourlay v M. Taylor, Witchell v Frith, J. Smith v Blowey, Howell v Brett, Andrews v Carter, Duncan v Woolley, Craig v Pitt, Dougherty v Brand, Cooper v Weaser, Reidie v Cotton, Fenton a bye.

WEATHER REPORT.

On the 2nd at 11.55 a.m. The barometer has fallen throughout Japan and has risen at all other stations. A marked anticyclone lies over the whole of N. China and gradients are very steep upon the east coast, and more moderate upon the south coast. Very strong NE monsoon will be experienced in the Formosa Channel and to the northward of it and moderate to fresh NE winds in the northern part of the China Sea.

Forecast:—Moderate N. to N.E. winds, overcast, fair.

THE TRANS-SIBERIAN RAILWAY.

The *Kriegstechnische Zeitschrift* publishes a long article on the Trans-Siberian Railway. The best portion of the line is that which passes through Manchuria, to the improvement of which £9,500,000 was devoted in 1898, and since the opening of the Khingan tunnel of two and a-half miles in length, in 1903, military trains of 40 wagons each have been able to run on this portion of the line all the year round. West of Lake Baikal the largest number of wagons to a military train has been 24, while in European Russia the number varies from 20 to 40. At the beginning of the war the great distance, as much as 20 miles, between the stations west of Baikal, kept the number of trains run daily very low, but the subsequent building of 68 new stations enabled that number to be increased to 13 daily in June last. The worst-constructed section of the line is that which passes through the hilly country directly east of Baikal. The addition of 11 new stations since the beginning of the war, and the construction of a third line at 12 stations, already existing, enabled the daily number of trains on this section to be increased to nine, of which six were military and three for the railway service. It is probable that some improvements carried out last summer have increased the daily number of trains on this section yet more. In Manchuria the gradients never exceed 1 in 66, and the curves have never a radius of less than a quarter of a mile. The bridges, however, are frequent and form altogether slightly under one per cent. of the permanent way. There are 14 bridges over an eighth of a mile long, and those over the Sungari at Kharbin are over half a mile in length. The more important bridges are of metal on stone piers. The line in Manchuria is guarded by 55 sotnias of cossacks, 55 companies of infantry, and six batteries, in all 25,000 men, and their patrol extends to nearly 40 miles on each side of the railway. The distance from the western boundary of Manchuria to Mukden is 925 miles.

It is calculated that if the military trains travelled at the rate of 12 miles an hour as far as Lake Baikal, and at the rate of nine and a-half miles an hour beyond, the time taken from Moscow to Mukden, including four days' stoppage, would be 24 days. As a matter of fact, the time actually taken has usually been about 31 days, and in some cases as much as 10 days longer. There are 21 halting-places between Moscow and Baikal, 15 having been built during the war. One of them, between Irkutsk and Baikal, has barrack accommodation for 4,000 men. At some other places the barrack accommodation is for 500 men only. From Baikal to Mukden the halting-places are organized to feed as many as 8,000 men per day, including, therefore, those who are merely passing through.

RATS, LOTTERY TICKETS, AND EAR-CAPS.

The *Daily Graphic* has been amusingly misled by "Reuter's Tokyo correspondent," in the article reproduced below. The ear-cap story was an impudent hoax perpetrated by a waggish schoolmaster well known in Tokyo. As for the lottery tickets (an addition presumably made by Reuter's correspondent), we may add that lotteries are strictly forbidden by Japanese law.

The foresight of the Japanese military authorities has become proverbial. We know (writes Reuter's Tokyo correspondent) that every detail of the campaign has been carefully planned and thought out, yet we are continually called upon to marvel at fresh revelations. Even the Japanese themselves, however, were astonished when, as the time came to forward the winter outfits for the armies in Manchuria, the commissariat produced hundreds of thousands of fur ear-protectors. Where could these things have come from? No one had ever heard of their being made.

It seems that two years ago plague was raging along the China coast. The Japanese quarantine authority decided that strenuous efforts must be made to keep the dread disease out of the country. They determined to start a crusade against rats. In all the seaports and larger cities bounties were offered for each rat brought in. The small boys found this a great source of revenue, and the competition at once became very keen. For each rat the huntsman was given a few sen and a lottery ticket. The money he might squander, but the ticket he saved, and at the end of the month there was a drawing, with prizes varying from ten to a hundred yen. Thus rat-catching became a popular amusement, and the boards of health all over the country were kept busy examining the daily bag. Each animal was duly registered and the place in which it was caught noted. It was then examined, and, if any sapicious germs were discovered, the building from which the creature came was immediately raided, all the rats in it were hunted down and the place was disinfected.

In this manner was the plague kept out of Japan. The small boys amused themselves and made money, and no one stopped to think of what had become of the skins of these millions of rats that had been worrying the boards of health. They had not been thrown away. The military authorities had used them to make ear-protectors. The war cloud was threatening even then, and the Manchurian winters are cold. The rat skins are a blessing to the soldiers in the field. They are a canny people, the Japanese, not given to waste nor indifferent to frozen ears.

LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The I.G.M. steamer *Seydlitz*, which left here on the 4th Jan., arrived at Genoa on Tuesday, the 31st Jan.

The C.P.R. steamer *Empress of China* arrived at Vancouver at 7 a.m. on Wednesday, the 1st inst.

The silk ex C.P.R. steamer *Athenian* arrived in New York on the 1st inst.

The steamer *Germanicus* left Moji for this port on the 1st inst.

The O.S.S. & C.M. steamer *Keemun* left Tacoma (Wash.) for U.K. *via* Japan, Shanghai and Hongkong on the 28th ult.

The A.A. steamer *Ras Tekka* left Foochow yesterday morning, and is due here on Sunday morning.

The P. & A. steamer *Aragonia* left Portland (Or.) on the 30th ult., and is due here on the 3rd prox.

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By Order,
A. R. LOWE,
Secretary.

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Captain H. Feyen, will leave for the above places TO-MORROW, the 4th inst, at 9.30 A.M.
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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship
"SACHSEN,"
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having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 2 P.M., THIS AFTERNOON, the 2nd inst.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 9th inst., will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on Thursday, the 9th inst., at 9.30 A.M.

All Claims must reach us before the 11th inst., or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the undersigned.

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FROM BREMEN, HAMBURG, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE H.A.L. Steamship
"SAMBIA,"
Captain Lüning, having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature by the Undersigned and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before TO-DAY, the 2nd inst.

Any Cargo impeding her discharge will be landed into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 9th inst., will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 9th inst., at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE,
Hongkong Office.

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FROM HAMBURG, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE H.A.L. Steamship
"RHENANIA,"
Captain Behrens, having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature by the Undersigned and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before TO-DAY, the 2nd inst.

Any Cargo impeding her discharge will be landed into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 9th instant, will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 9th instant, at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE,
Hongkong Office.

Hongkong, 2nd February, 1905. 376

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

BRITISH-INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FROM RANGOON AND STRAITS.

THE Company's Steamship
"PENTAKOTA,"
having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their goods will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge, or remaining on board after 4 p.m., on FRIDAY, the 3rd inst., will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense into Godowns at EAST POINT.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 2nd February, 1905. [373

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED,
AND
CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

CONSIGNEES per Company's Steamer
"PAKLING,"
are hereby notified that the Cargo is being discharged into Craft, and/or landed at the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ld., where in both cases it will lie at Consignees' risk. The Cargo will be ready for delivery from Craft or Godown on and after the 3rd instant.

Optional Cargo will be landed, unless notice has been given prior to steamer's arrival.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined at 11 A.M., on the 8th inst.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the steamer's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 8th inst., will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 11th inst., or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 1st February, 1905. [9.10

ENTERTAINMENTS

AN
ORGAN RECITAL
will be given by
MR. A. G. WARD
in
ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL,
ON
TUESDAY,
the 7th February, at 5.15 P.M.

Vocalist:—
Mrs. A. G. GORDON,

A Collection will be made in aid of the Organ Fund.

Hongkong, 2nd February, 1905. [369

THEATRE ROYAL.

FRIEDENTHAL!
FRIEDENTHAL!!
FRIEDENTHAL!!!

THE WORLD-RENOWNED PIANIST,
HERR ALBERT
FRIEDENTHAL
FRIEDENTHAL!!
on his Tour Round the World,
WILL GIVE
TWO CONCERTS,
on the 10th and 13th FEBRUARY.

Plans at the ROBINSON PIANO LD.

Hongkong, 2nd February, 1905. 370

INSURANCES

NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

TOTAL FUNDS AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1903. £16,898,650.

I.	AUTHORISED CAPITAL...	£3,000,000	
	SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL....	2,750,000	
	PAID-UP CAPITAL.....	687,500	0 0
II.	FIRE FUNDS.....	3,656,961	12 3

The Undersigned AGENTS for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 18th June, 1904. [1888

THE WESTERN ASSURANCE COMPANY OF TORONTO AND LONDON.
INCORPORATED A.D. 1851.

MARINE BRANCH.

THE undersigned having been appointed AGENTS for the above are prepared to accept risks at current rates.

ALEX. ROSS & CO.

Hongkong 28th April, 1904 [32

L'UNION OF PARIS FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED

THE Undersigned having been appointed AGENTS for the above Company are prepared to accept Risks against Fire at current rates.

SIEMSSEN & CO.

Hongkong, 1st January, 1904. 31

AACHEN AND MUNICH FIRE INSURANCE CO.
OF AIX-LA-CHAPELL.

THE Undersigned, having been appointed AGENTS for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.

REUTER, BROCKELMANN & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 21st April, 1897 118

PUBLIC COMPANIES

HUMPHREYS' ESTATE AND FINANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE NINETEENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the REGISTERED OFFICES of the Company, Alexandra Buildings, Des Vœux Road, on FRIDAY, 10th FEBRUARY, 1905, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1904.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 1st-11th February, 1905, both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 25th January, 1905. [318

HONGKONG ICE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE TWENTY-FOURTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the OFFICES of the General Managers, Pedder's Street, at 12.30 P.M. on MONDAY, 13th February, to receive a Statement of the Company's Accounts to 31st December, 1904, and the Report of the General Managers.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 3rd to the 13th February, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 30th January, 1905. [342

THE HONGKONG, CANTON & MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE SEVENTY-SEVENTH ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the OFFICE of the COMPANY, No. 18, Bank Buildings, Queen's Road Central, on TUESDAY, the 14th February, at 12 o'clock NOON, for the purpose of receiving a report of the Directors, together with a statement of accounts, declaring a Dividend, confirming the appointment of a Director, and electing Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 31st January to the 14th February, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
T. ARNOLD,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 24th January, 1905. 304

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in this Corporation will be held at the CITY HALL, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 18th day of February, 1905, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1904.

By Order of the Court of Directors.
J. R. M. SMITH,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 31st January, 1905. [359

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Register of Shares of the Corporation will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the Fourth, to the Eighteenth day of February, 1905 (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
J. R. M. SMITH,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 31st January, 1905 360

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the OFFICES of the COMPANY, Queen's Buildings, New Praya, on MONDAY, the 20th February, 1905, at 12 o'clock NOON, for the purpose of receiving the report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1904.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 6th to the 20th February, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.
THOS. J. ROSE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 26th January, 1905. [319

HUMPHREYS' ESTATE & FINANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all Shares in respect of which the Final Call of $7.50 per Share has not been paid will, unless the same together with Interest accrued and accruing thereon be paid at the REGISTERED OFFICES of the Company, Alexandra Buildings, Des Vœux Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on or before the 28th February, 1905, be liable to be forfeited.

Dated the 30th January, 1905.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
351 General Managers.

HUMPHREY'S ESTATE AND FINANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on and after this date Interest at the rate of 8% per annum will be charged upon all Calls in respect of Shares not Fully Paid Up from the day appointed for Payment of such Calls, namely 3rd January, 1905.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 11th January, 1905. [110

THE SWATOW GRASS CLOTH SILK and DRAWN THREAD WORK DEPARTMENT.

Wholesale and retail quotations, particulars and samples, will be sent free on application to the above depôt.

Swatow, 9th June, 1904. 216

QUAN WAH & CO.
GRANITE AND MARBLE MERCHANTS, EXPORTERS AND CONTRACTORS.
Sole Agents of
QUAN TAI & CO., Lime Manufacturers.
All descriptions of
GRANITE AND MARBLE FOR EXPORT.
Dealers in
GRANITE and MARBLE MONUMENTS
Prices & Estimates on Application.
No. 1, QUEEN'S ROAD EAST.

Hongkong, 17th January, 1905. [252

INTIMATIONS

CHINESE NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

IN Accordance with Government Notifications Nos. 42 and 43 the EXCHANGE BANKS will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business TO-MORROW (SATURDAY) and MONDAY, 4th and 6th February, 1905.

Hongkong, 1st February, 1905. 356

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.
ESTABLISHED 1841.
AERATED WATER MANUFACTURERS.

NOTICE.

WE Beg to Notify Customers that from 1st January, 1905, Separate Accounts will be rendered for Aerated Waters.

An inclusive charge will be made for Waters and Bottles, and full credit will be allowed for empties when returned.

Orders for Aerated Waters should be addressed to
A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED,
Aerated Water Manufactory,
Des Vœux Road Central.

PRICE LIST:

$1.20 per dozen will be allowed for Aerated Water Bottles when returned in good condition.

	Per Doz.
Soda Water	$1.70
Soda Water in Bombay Bottles	1.80
Potash Seltzer and B.P. Soda	1.80
Lemonade	1.80
Tonic Water	1.80
Lithia Water	1.95
Ginger Ale	1.95
Lemon Squash	1.95
Raspberryade	1.95
Stone Ginger Beer	1.95

Hongkong, 28th December, 1904. 108

THE VICTORIA DISPENSARY.

NOTICE.

WE Beg to Notify Customers that from 1st January, 1905, Separate Accounts will be rendered for Aerated Waters.

An inclusive charge will be made for Waters and Bottles, and full credit will be allowed for empties when returned.

Orders for Aerated Waters should be addressed to
THE VICTORIA DISPENSARY,

PRICE LIST.

$1.20 per dozen will be allowed for Aerated Water Bottles when returned in good condition.

	Per Doz.
Soda Water	$1.70
Soda Water in Bombay Bottles	1.80
Potash Seltzer and B.P. Soda	1.80
Lemonade	1.80
Tonic Water	1.80
Lithia Water	1.95
Ginger Ale	1.95
Lemon Squash	1.95
Raspberryade	1.95
Stone Ginger Beer	1.95

Hongkong, 28th December, 1904. 109

WATKINS, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

WE Beg to Notify Customers that from 1st January, 1905, Separate Accounts will be rendered for Aerated Waters.

An inclusive charge will be made for Waters and Bottles, and full credit will be allowed for empties when returned.

Orders for Aerated Waters should be addressed to
WATKINS, LIMITED.

PRICE LIST.

$1.20 per dozen will be allowed for Aerated Water Bottles when returned in good condition.

	Per Doz.
Soda Water	$1.70
Soda Water in Bombay Bottles	1.80
Potash Seltzer and B.P. Soda	1.80
Lemonade	1.80
Tonic Water	1.80
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Raspberryade	1.95
Stone Ginger Beer	1.95

Hongkong, 28th December, 1904. 110

A. LING & CO.,
FURNITURE STORE.
PLATED GLASS AND CROCKERY WARE, &c., &c.; and FOOCHOW LACQUERED WARE.
68, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

Hongkong, 21st September, 1903. [227

AUCTIONS

PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS and CONDITIONS of the Letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on TUESDAY, the 7th day of FEBRUARY, 1905, at 3 P.M., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of Seven Lots of Crown Land at Cheung Kwan O, in the New Territory of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years, if competent for the Colonial Government so to make it. 344

PARTICULARS OF THE LOTS.

No. of sale	Holding No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements N. ft.	S. ft.	E. ft.	W. ft.	Contents in acres and Square ft.	Annual Rent	Upset Price
6	Sai Kung Marine Lot No. 2	Cheung Kwan O, New Territory	155	150	4,170	265 & 2,109	about 15 acres.	$1,500	$7,500
7	Sai Kung Inland Lot No. 1	do.	300	215	520 & 690	330 & 910	about 14 acres.	700	2,800
8	do.	do.	250	150	420 & 285	1,400 & 440	100,000 sq. ft.	116	400
9	do.	do.	250	150	225	400	19,950 "	140	555
10	do.	do.	180	299	270	465	30,500 "	56	200
11	(with water rights)	do.	540	595	300	100	about 6 acres.	560	2,000
12	Sai Kung Farm Lot No. 1	do.	335	as per Plan.		460	about 300 acres.	200	1,200

$13,169

INTIMATIONS

NOTICE.

COMPETITIONS for SPOONS will take place on the KOWLOON BOWLING GREENS TO-MORROW (SATURDAY), 4th instant. Players are requested to be on the Green at 2.30 P.M.

D. GOW,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 2nd February, 1905. 365

HONGKONG BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

THE FIFTEENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Members of the Hongkong Benevolent Society will take place in the CITY HALL on TUESDAY, 7th February, at 5 P.M.

ROSE GOMPERTZ,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 2nd February, 1905. [368

WANTED.

ONE BEDROOM, FURNISHED or UNFURNISHED with Verandah and Bathroom attached, on one of the Higher Levels.

Apply, stating full particulars, to—
BOX 2610,
Care of *Daily Press* Office.

Hongkong, 26th January, 1905. [314

WANTED.

IMMEDIATELY, in the Neighbourhood of the Hongkong Club, a BEDROOM and BATHROOM, Furnished or Unfurnished.

Reply, stating terms, to—
BOX 999,
Care of *Daily Press* Office.

Hongkong, 1st February, 1905. [358

VACANCY.

THERE will be a Vacancy in the Government Civil Medical Department on the 18th of March next for a FEMALE PROBATIONER NURSE.

Applications, in applicant's own handwriting, with certificates of character, &c., should be sent to the P.C.M. Officer at the Civil Hospital, not later than Noon of the 14th proximo. Applicants must be not less than 20 years of age.

Salary, &c., $480 rising to $600 per annum by annual increments of $60, with uniform, attendance, free furnished quarters and an allowance of $84 a year for fuel and light.

Full particulars may be had on application.

By Order,
J. BELL,
Superintendent.

Government Civil Hospital,
Hongkong, 27th January, 1905. [331

SHORTHAND.

PRIVATE LESSONS given in Pitman's Shorthand. Terms moderate.

Apply by letter to—
"J. W.,"
P. O. Box 143.

Hongkong, 10th January, 1905. 1200

NOTICE OF FIRM

NOTICE.

THE INTEREST and RESPONSIBILITY of the late JAMES PARK WINGATE (Deceased), in our Firm Ceased on 31st December, 1904.

TAIT & CO.

Amoy, 1st January, 1905. [169

BANKS

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE Business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application.

INTEREST on deposits is allowed at 3½ PER CENT. per annum.

Depositors may transfer at their option balances of $100 or more to the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK to be placed or FIXED DEPOSIT at 4 PER CENT. per annum.

For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.
J. R. M. SMITH,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 1st May, 1902 24

THE BANK OF TAIWAN LIMITED
(INCORPORATED BY SPECIAL IMPERIAL CHARTER)

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED .....Yen 5,000,000
CAPITAL PAID-UP ..... " 2,500,000

HEAD OFFICE: TAIPEH, FORMOSA.

BRANCHES AND AGENCIES:

Amoy	Kobe	Tainan
Anping	Nagasaki	Tamsui
Foochow	Osaka	Tokio
Keelung	Shanghai	Yokohama

HONGKONG OFFICE:
4, QUEEN'S ROAD.

Interest allowed on Current Account. Deposits received on terms which may be learnt on application.

S. SHIGENAGA, Manager.

Hongkong, 1st November, 1904. [2579

THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK LIMITED.

ESTABLISHED 1880.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED ... Yen 24,000,000
CAPITAL PAID-UP ..... " 18,000,000
CAPITAL UNCALLED ..... " 6,000,000
RESERVE FUND..... " 9,550,000

HEAD OFFICE—YOKOHAMA.

BRANCHES AND AGENCIES.

Tokio	Kobe	Nagasaki
London	Lyons	New York
San Francisco	Honolulu	Bombay
Shanghai	Tientsin	Newchwang
Dalny	Peking	Liaoyang

LONDON BANKERS.
THE LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LIMITED.
PARR'S BANK, LIMITED.
THE UNION OF LONDON AND SMITHS BANK, LIMITED.

HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED.
On Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent per annum on the daily balance.
On fixed deposits for 12 months 5% per annum
" " " " 6 " 4% " "
" " " " 3 " 3% " "

TAKEO TAKAMICHI,
Manager.

Hongkong, 12th September, 1904. 27

BANKS

INTERNATIONAL BANKING CORPORATION.

Fiscal Agents for the United States in China and the Philippine Islands.

CAPITAL AND SURPLUS
AUTHORISED ... ...Gold $10,000,000
CAPITAL PAID UP... ... ...Gold $3,947,200
RESERVE FUND ... ...Gold $3,947,200
HEAD OFFICE: New York.
LONDON OFFICE: Threadneedle House, E.C.
Branches and Agents all over the World.

LONDON BANKERS.
NATIONAL PROVINCIAL BANK OF ENGLAND, LIMITED,
UNION OF LONDON AND SMITH'S BANK, LIMITED,
BRITISH LINEN COMPANY BANK.

The Corporation transacts every description of Banking and Exchange business, receives money in Current Account and accepts Fixed Deposits at rates which may be ascertained on application.

CHARLES R. SCOTT,
Manager.

20, Des Vœux Road.

Hongkong, 23rd January, 1905. [2 9

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....$10,000,000
RESERVE FUND—
STERLING RESERVE...$10,000,000
SILVER RESERVE ... 7,000,000
.....$17,000,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS.$10,000,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS.
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Hongkong—J. R. M. SMITH

MANAGER:
Shanghai—H. M. BEVIS.

LONDON BANKERS—LONDON AND COUNTY BANKING COMPANY, LIMITED.

HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED.
On Current Account at the rate of Two per Cent. per Annum on the daily balance.
ON FIXED DEPOSITS.
For 3 months, 2½ per cent. per Annum.
For 6 months, 3½ per cent. per Annum.
For 12 months 4 per cent. per Annum.

J. R. M. SMITH,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 22nd August, 1904. 23

THE DEUTSCH-ASIATISCHE BANK.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL.....Sh. Taels 7,500,000

HEAD OFFICE—SHANGHAI.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS BERLIN.

BRANCHES:

Berlin	Calcutta	Hankow
Tientsin	Tsingtau (Kiautschou)	

LONDON BANKERS:
Messrs. N. M. ROTHSCHILD & SONS,
THE UNION OF LONDON AND SMITHS BANK, LIMITED.
DEUTSCHE BANK (BERLIN), LONDON AGENCY
DIRECTION DER DISCONTO GESELLSCHAFT.

INTEREST allowed on Current Account DEPOSITS received on terms which may be learned on application. Every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

H. FIGGE,
Manager.

Hongkong, 11th August 1904 28

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 1853
HEAD OFFICE—LONDON.

CAPITAL PAID-UP.....£800,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF SHAREHOLDERS.....£800,000
RESERVE FUND.....£800,000

INTEREST allowed on Current Account at the rate of 2% per annum on the Daily balances.
On Fixed Deposits for 12 months 4 per cent.
" " 6 " 3½ "
" " 3 " 2½ "

T. P. COCHRANE,
Manager.

Hongkong, 19th May 1904. 29

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL £1,500,000
SUBSCRIBED 1,125,000
PAID-UP 562,500
RESERVE FUND..... 80,000
BANKERS:
LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LIMITED

INTEREST allowed on Current Account at the rate of 2% per annum on the Daily balance
ON FIXED DEPOSITS:—
For 12 months.....4 %
" 6 " 3½%
" 3 " 2½%

EVAN ORMISTON,
Manager.

Hongkong, 23rd May, 1903. 26

IMPERIAL BANK OF CHINA

ESTABLISHED BY IMPERIAL DECREE OF THE 12TH NOVEMBER, 1896.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL..Shanghai Tls. 5,000,000
PAID-UP CAPITAL ... " 2,500,000

HEAD OFFICE—SHANGHAI.

BRANCHES AND AGENCIES.

Canton	Peking
Chefoo	Penang
Hankow	Singapore
Tientsin.	

The Bank purchases and receives for collection Bills of Exchange drawn on the above places, and sells Drafts and Telegraphic Transfers payable at its Branches and Agencies.

HONGKONG BRANCH.

Advances made on approved securities. Bills Discounted.

INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS
At 2% per annum on Current Account daily balances.
3% per annum on Fixed Deposits for 3 months
4% " " " " " 6 "
5% " " " " " 12 "

E. W. RUTTER,
Manager.

Hongkong, 17th May, 1904. [27

MESSRS. GEO. G. SANDEMAN, SONS & CO., LTD.

PORTS AND SHERRIES.

IN ORDER to keep up with the Competition existing, through which the prices of these Wines have been lately reduced by as much as $6.00 and $10.00 per case, WE SHALL IN FUTURE GRANT A DISCOUNT OF

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MESSRS. GEO. G. SANDEMAN, SONS & CO., LTD.,

PORTS AND SHERRIES

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GREGOR & CO.

WINE MERCHANTS,

34, QUEEN'S ROAD. 45

TO LET

"HATHERLEIGH."

A DETACHED RESIDENCE with Tennis Court on Conduit Road.
Apply to—
THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY CO., LD.
Hongkong, 26th January, 1905. 31

TO LET.

NO. 1, RIPON TERRACE.

A HOUSE in WONG-NEI-CHONG ROAD, facing Race-course.
FLATS in MORETON TERRACE, facing the Polo Ground.
OFFICES in course of erection, CONNAUGHT ROAD (near BLAKE PIER).
GODOWNS; PRAYA EAST.
Apply to—
THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LD.
Hongkong, 29th June, 1904. [81

TO LET.

GODOWN No. 3, New Praya, Kennedy Town.
Apply to—
THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY CO., LD.
Hongkong, 22nd November, 1904. [83

TO LET.

NOS. 19 & 21, SEYMOUR ROAD.

Nos. 74, CAINE ROAD.
GODOWNS Nos. 34a, 34b, 34c, Praya East
Possession from 1st January, 1905.
Apply to—
COMPRADORE'S DEPARTMENT,
Nippon Yusen Kaisha.
Hongkong, 1st December, 1904. [84

TO LET.

3RD FLOOR, suitable for Office.
Apply to—
WING CHEONG,
35, Queen's Road Central.
Hongkong, 3rd June, 1904. [91

TO LET.

EYRIE. Unfurnished. Newly repaired, Painted and Colourwashed.
No. 7, BELLIOS TERRACE, 1st Row.
No. 21, " 3rd Row.
Nos. 11 & 14, " 2nd Row
BUNGALOW (Furnished), at New Territory, Kowloon, 4 Rooms, low rental.
"KELLETT CREST" (Furnished), Peak, for 2½ months from 15th April to 30th June, 1905.
BISHOP'S LODGE NORTH, Peak, To Let Furnished, from 1st March to 30th April, 1905.
2ND FLOOR in Central position, containing Four Large Rooms, Anteroom and Lavatory, &c., with use of Electric Lift. Well suited for Offices.
Apply to—
LINSTEAD & DAVIS,
3rd Floor, Alexandra Buildings.
Hongkong, 20th January, 1905. [90

TO LET.

THREE FIRST-CLASS SHOPS, European Style, in Kowloon. Possession on or about 31st August, 1905. Moderate Rentals.
Apply to—
HUMPHREYS' ESTATE & FINANCE CO., LD.
Hongkong, 21st June, 1904. [97

TO LET.

FURNISHED ROOM in Knutsford Terrace, Kowloon, with or without Board, in private family. Suitable for two Bachelors or Married Couple.
Apply—
C.,
Care of *Daily Press* Office.
Hongkong, 31st January, 1905. [350

TO LET

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A SHANGHAI STORY FROM PORT ARTHUR.

The *Shanghai Mercury* says: A young lady, who arrived here by the s.s *Australien*, tells the following pathetic tale of sufferings:—Since the siege of Port Arthur began there has been nothing but misery amongst the majority of the population although everybody tried to drive away care and worry by attending concerts, plays, etc., not knowing what was in store for them in the last three months. No flour (staple food) could be had except by the richest, who could afford it; the poorer folks had to subsist on horseflesh and sweet potatoes, with occasional biscuits from the ships in harbour. This made life rather hard to bear, besides all the time to be in hiding and shelter of some kind to escape the shells and bullets which were flying through the air without intermission almost day and night. For instance, the house we occupied in the old town was riddled with bullets, all our window panes were smashed and we had no glass to replace them. We had to patch them up with paper and old clothes to keep out the cold, as fuel was scarce and we had burned most of our furniture with the exception of a table and a couple of chairs which were actually needful. The bedstead of course was iron and we could not use that for lighting purposes. The scenes amongst us were most heart-rending; poor, frail women like myself considered ourselves a burden on our husbands and brothers, although there were some that were a great help to the men during the siege. Every day we were expecting to be relieved, but relief never came. Our illusion was dispelled, when the news went round that we were to surrender! No doubt our superiors were in the right, at least we women thought so, thinking only of the relief that we would feel when liberated from the present situation! The day came when the Japanese marched in! What transpired I do not know being prostrated with my sufferings, but oh! the agony when the Japanese came and ransacked our houses, as I believe the other houses and contents were treated the same as my own! Before my weary eyes all my clothing etc. were ruthlessly thrown about before things useful were appropriated. Being a woman, of course, I did not understand that looting was permissible as I was told afterwards. Still, the only thought that came into my head was, that we were to be free from all the agony and sufferings. Our rejoicings were short lived, as we were kept in Port Arthur for seven days after the surrender; food was served out very sparingly and we were no better off than during the siege, only we could live more safely, as no shooting took place and we had no fear of stray bullets. On the seventh day we were allowed to leave for Dalny and the journey had to be taken in native carts! The misery of it! Cold, hungry and in agony of being molested and ill-treated. In Dalny we were put on a steamer, the name of which I cannot remember, being too dazed and not taking any interest in anything. Reaching Nagasaki, we were landed on the quarantine station, remaining there for five hours without food or drink (I was one of the last party to land); what the others suffered I cannot tell. After the five hours' detention we were put on board of the French mail steamer *Australien*, where our suffering did not cease altogether, for we were crammed, having over 600 men, women and children all huddled up somehow; but at last we arrived safely at Woosung, amid great rejoicings of everyone, on the morning of the 19th January. Half of our complement on board are to stay here until the arrival of the next mail steamer, either German or French, the other half is proceeding on the voyage home as far as Port Said, to be transhipped there for Odessa. In my joy of being released from misery, I quite forgot to mention an additional suffering caused by not being able to get good water after the Japanese cut off our supply. Thank God we are free once more and on our way home and a fresh start in life.—We fear that embroidery is one of this lady's accomplishments.

THE COST OF THE WAR.

M. Dru, of the *Echo de Paris*, gives some interesting particulars of the cost of the war to Russia derived from a financial official in St. Petersburg whom he ingeniously describes as "one of the business managers" of the Russian Empire. According to this authority the total cost of the war up to November 23, which has been fully paid by the Treasury, was 476,000,000 roubles (£47,600,000). It was composed of 323,000,000 roubles (£32,300,000) spent by the War Office, 82,000,000 roubles (£8,200,000) by the Admiralty, and 71,000,000 roubles (£7,100,000) by other departments. On the other hand, the grants voted by the special committee for the expenses of the war to cover the expenditure of the campaign from November 23 to February 14 next amount to 252,000,000 roubles (£25,200,000), divided as follows:—War Office, 166,000,000 roubles (£16,600,000); Admiralty, 62,000,000 roubles (£6,200,000); other departments, 24,000,000 roubles (£24,000,000). Thus in the 12 months ending February 14, 1905, the war will have cost 728,000,000 roubles (£72,800,000).

This authority considers that the estimates of the special committee for the expenses of the campaign from November to February 14 next is greatly exaggerated, and that the amount ought to suffice at least up to the end of that month. Of the sums applicable to the requirements of the war derived from the French loan, the retrenchments made in the Budget for the present year, and the funds at the disposal of the Treasury a total of 298,000,000 roubles (£29,800,000) remains in hand. Even if the sum of 252,000,000 roubles (£25,200,000) estimated by the special committee were to be spent by February 14 next there would still remain a balance of 46,000,000 roubles (£4,600,000) to carry forward for the expenditure of the year 1905.

The estimate is made on the assumption that the war will last all next year and will cost 600,000,000 roubles (£60,000,000), less the 46,000,000 roubles in hand. It is not proposed to touch the stock of bullion in the Imperial Bank and the Treasury in providing for this estimated expenditure, nor will the Government have recourse to a fresh issue of notes notwithstanding the fact that it is fully entitled to do so. A loan was the only alternative. There had been *pourparlers* with German bankers, but the proposals of French bankers were more numerous. Nothing had, however, been decided, and the Russian authorities did not wish to take any decisive action before the end of the year. They did not need any money before the beginning of next year. In reply to M. Dru's question whether the approaching loan would include the funds necessary for the new programme of naval construction and for the projected second line on the Trans-Siberian Railway, his interlocutor said he was not acquainted with the new naval programme, and did not believe it could be carried into execution during the war. The Budget for next year included 10,000,000 roubles (£1,000,000) for the second Trans-Siberian line. That was all.

As to the anxiety felt abroad respecting the economic situation of Russia, it was disposed of by the statistics of Russian foreign trade. From January to November, 1904, the exports were 742,000,000 roubles (£74,200,000) and the imports 800,460,000 roubles (£46,800,000), leaving a balance of 274,000,000 roubles (£27,400,000) in favour of Russia. The results thus far justify the supposition that the balance in favour of Russia for the current year will be about equal to that of last year—namely, 348,000,000 roubles (£34,800,000). In spite of the war, which had caused considerable disturbance in the industrial centres, "our economic situation is extremely satisfactory. . . . We are far from being reduced to the necessity of borrowing or of resorting to our stock of bullion in order to pay the interest on our foreign loans. Indeed, our stock of gold is sufficient, after deducting the amount needed to cover our fiduciary circulation, to pay the interest on our foreign loans for nearly three years."

JOINT STOCK SHARES.

Messrs. Vernon & Smyth say in their weekly share report, dated Hongkong, 2nd February. Owing to the Chinese New Year holidays our report is this week issued a day earlier than usual. During the interval under review, business has continued somewhat dull, but at the close there is a decidedly better feeling apparent, and in some instances improved quotation have been established.

BANKS.—Hongkong and Shanghais have ruled steady with small sales at $720. London now quotes £75. Nationals are unchanged and without business.

MARINE INSURANCES.—Unions are quiet with small sellers at $700. China Traders have been placed at $58½. Yangtszes have improved to $160, and Cantons to $255, both closing in request. North Chinas are still in the market at Tls. 95.

FIRE INSURANCES.—Chinas have improved to $93, and Hongkongs have again been booked at $340 cash, the latter being still procurable at the rate.

SHIPPING.—Hongkong, Canton and Macaos have eased off to $26 sellers, owing to the announcement of a reduction in the dividend for the last half year to $1 per share instead of $1½ as paid formerly, and our market closes weak at this quotation. Indo-Chinas have been booked at $123 and $123½, and close firmer with buyers at $124. Shells have been booked at 22/-, and more shares are procurable at this figure. China and Manilas, Douglases and Star Ferries are unchanged.

REFINERIES.—China Sugars are firmer with buyers at $220 cash; forward business has been done for April at $228 and $230, and for September at $240, more shares being wanted at the latter quotations. Luzons have improved to $22½ with sales and further buyers.

MINING.—No business has transpired under this heading.

DOCKS, WHARVES, AND GODOWNS.—Hongkong and Whampoa Docks, after sales at $209, dropped to $207, but are firmer again with small sales and further buyers at $208. Hongkong and Kowloon Wharves have been booked at $104½ (old) and $102 (new), and more shares are procurable at these rates. New Amoy Docks continue on offer at $27. Farnhams have improved to Tls. 153 with local buyers.

LANDS, HOTELS, AND BUILDINGS.—Hongkong Lands have declined to $134 ex the dividend of $6 per share for the half year ending 31st December, 1904, paid on the 31st ultimo. Kowloon Lands and West Points are quiet, but steady at $37 and $57½ ex dividend respectively. Hongkong Hotels are reported to have been booked at $141. Humphreys' Estates have improved to $13 and $12½ for the old and new issues repectively. Shanghai Lands are unchanged at Tls. 115.

COTTON MILLS.—Quotations are unchanged and no business is reported in this section.

MISCELLANEOUS.—China Bornéos have declined to $15 sellers, and Green Island Cements to $28½ sellers. Fenwicks have dropped to $43 sellers, and China Light and Powers to 89½ sellers. Ices have been booked at $255, and Ropes at $155, the latter closing with further sellers. Electrics continue in request at $15 and $9 for the old and new issues respectively, and Steam Laundries at $7 and $4.

MEMOS:—Humphreys' Estate and Finance Co., Ld., ordinary yearly meeting on the 10th February, transfer books closed on the 1st instant. Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Co., Ld., ordinary half-yearly meeting on the 14th instant, transfer books closed on the 31st ultimo. Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ld., ordinary yearly meeting on the 20th instant, transfer books close on the 4th to the 20th instant, inclusive. Hongkong Ice Co., Ld., ordinary yearly meeting on the 13th instant, transfer books close on the 3rd to the 13th instant, inclusive. Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation half-yearly meeting on the 18th instant, transfer books close on the 4th to the 18th instant, inclusive.

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Hongkong, 31st July, 1903. 363

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

INFORMATION has been received from the MILITARY AUTHORITIES that GUN PRACTICE will be carried out on WEDNESDAY, the 1st February, 1905, towards the entrance to Junk Bay, as under:—
From Sywan, at ranges from 2,000 to 6,000 yards, commencing at 9.30 A.M. and finishing at about 11 A.M.;
From Pak-sha-wan, at ranges from 600 to 4,000 yards, on conclusion of above; and
From Lyemun Redoubt, at ranges from 2,000 to 6,000 yards, on conclusion of the practice from Pak-sha-wan.
If the weather is unfavourable on either of the above dates, practice will take place on the following day.
All ships, junks and other vessels are to keep clear of the range.
L. BARNES-LAWRENCE, Captain, R.N.,
Harbour Master, &c.
Harbour Department,
Hongkong, 24th January, 1905. [332

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM YOKOHAMA AND KOBE.

THE Company's Steamship

"CHINA,"

having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk, into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Limited, whence delivery may be obtained.
No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Claims must be sent in to the Office of the undersigned before NOON, on the 3rd February, or they will not be recognised.
No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 3rd February, will be subject to rent.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
SANDER, WIELER & CO.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 27th January, 1905. [3

"MOGUL" LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S.S. "MACDUFF,"

FROM GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.
No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 5th February, will be subject to rent.
All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 8th February, or they will not be recognised.
All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 6th February, at 3 P.M.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
BODWELL & CO., LIMITED,
Agents.
Hongkong, 30th January, 1905. [353

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.
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Goods not cleared by the 3rd prox., at 4 P.M., will be subject to rent.
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E. A. HEWETT,
Superintendent.
Hongkong, 28th January, 1905. [1

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A. S. MIHARA,
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SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

FOOSHING, British str., 1,423, S. Arthur, 2nd February,—Wuhu 28th January, Rice.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

HONGKONG, French str., 742, A. Suzzoni, 1st February,—Hoiphong, Pakhoi, Hoihow and Kwangchauwan 31st January, General.—A. R. Marty.

FAUSANG, British str., 1,410, Mitchell, 1st Feb.,—Samarang 22nd Jan., Sugar.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

HUNAN, British str., 2nd Feb.,—from Canton.

MONGOLIA, British str., 3,750, W. P. S. Porter, 2nd Feb.,—San Francisco 28th Dec. and Shanghai 31st Jan., General.—P.M.S.S. Co.

OPLAND, Norwegian str., 2nd February,—from Canton.

PENTAKOTA, British str., 2,209, C. Willis, 2nd Feb.,—Singapore 27th January, General.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

RHENANIA, German str., 6,416, Behrens, 2nd February,—Hamburg and Singapore 28th Jan., General.—Hamburg-Amerika Linie.

SACHSEN, German str., 3,118, H. Feyen, 2nd February,—Bromothaven 21st Dec. and 28th Jan., Mails and General.—Melchers & Co.

SAMBIA, German str., 3,023, H. Luning, 2nd February,—Singapore 26th Jan., General.—Hamburg-Amerika Linie.

CLEARANCES.

AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE.
2nd February.

Confidenza, Italian str., for Sasebo.
Haitan, British str., for Swatow.
Telemachus, British str., for Saigon.
Tjimahi, Dutch str., for Shanghai.

DEPARTURES.
2nd February.

CHIHLI, British str., for Saigon.
FOOSHING, British str., for Canton.
MACDUFF, British str., for Shanghai.
ONSANG, British str., for Singapore.
PRIAM, British str., for London.
UNDA, Norwegian str., for Yokohama.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British str. *Fausang* reports: Fine weather throughout.

The British str. *Fooshing* reports: Moderate monsoon and overcast, continuous snow squalls to Namki Island from Gutzlaff.

VESSELS IN DOCK.
2nd February.

ABERDEEN DOCKS.—
KOWLOON DOCKS.—*Hellas, Katharine Park, Diu, Hohnstein, Kaifong, Kansu.*
COSMOPOLITAN DOCK.—*Chansang.*

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Agents.

Hongkong, 27th January, 1905. [280

STEAMSHIP SERVICE TO NEW YORK VIA PORTS AND SUEZ CANAL.
(WITH LIBERTY TO CALL AT THE MALABAR COAST).

THE Steamship

"SENECA,"

will be despatched as above TO-DAY, the 3rd inst., at 4 P.M.

For Freight & further information, apply to
STANDARD OIL COMPANY OF NEW YORK,
Oriental Freight Department.

Hongkong, 30th January, 1905. [343

BRITISH-INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR AMOY, STRAITS AND RANGOON.

THE Company's Steamship

"PENTAKOTA,"

Captain C. Willis, will be despatched as above on TUESDAY, the 7th February, at DAYLIGHT.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 31st January, 1905. 354

FOR SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA AND KOBE.

THE Steamship

"RHENANIA,"

Captain Behrens, will be despatched for the above ports on TUESDAY, the 7th February, at 5 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE,
Hongkong Office.

Hongkong, 31st January, 1905. [355

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR
FIUME AND TRIESTE (DIRECT),
Calling at SINGAPORE, PENANG, RANGOON, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ and PORT SAID.
(Taking Cargo at through rates to the BRAZILS, to SOUTH AFRICA, RED SEA, BLACK SEA, LEVANT, VENICE and ADRIATIC PORTS).

THE Company's Steamship

"PERSIA,"

Captain Cragliotto, will be despatched as above on TUESDAY, the 28th inst., P.M.

For information as to Passage and Freight, apply to
SANDER, WIELER & CO.,
Agents.
Princes' Buildings.

Hongkong, 2nd February, 1905. [3

VESSELS ADVERTISED AS LOADING

To ascertain the anchorage of any Vessel, the Harbour has been divided into Four Sections commencing from Green Island. Vessels anchoring nearest Kowloon are marked K, nearest Hongkong H, midway between Hongkong and Kowloon M, and those vessels berthed at the Kowloon Wharf K.W., together with the number denoting the section.

SECTIONS.

1. From Green Island to the Harbour Master's.
2. From Harbour Master's to Blake Pier.
3. From Blake Pier to Naval Yard.
4. From Naval Yard to East Point.

DESTINATION	VESSEL'S NAMES	FLAG & RIG	BERTH	CAPTAIN	FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO	TO BE DESPATCHED
LONDON, &c., VIA PORTS OF CALL	SIMLA	Brit. str.		F. R. Summers	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 11th inst., at Noon.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP	GLAUCUS	Brit. str.	1 m.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 14th inst.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP	IDOMENEUS	Brit. str.	1 m.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 28th inst.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP	STENTOR	Brit. str.	1 m.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 14th Mar.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP	ACHILLES	Brit. str.	1 m.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 28th Mar.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP, &c.	JAVA	Brit. str.	—	S. Barcham	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About 15th inst.
MARSEILLES, &c., VIA PORTS OF CALL	ERNEST SIMONS	Fren. str.	—	Bourdon	MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	On 7th inst., at 1 P.M.
BREMEN, VIA PORTS OF CALL	ZIETEN	Ger. str.	—	F. von Binzer	MELCHERS & Co.	On 15th inst., at Noon.
ODESSA	ARCADIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	Förck	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	Quick despatch.
ODESSA	ANDALUSIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	Filler	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	Quick despatch.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	SPEZIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	Ehlers	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 21st inst
HAVRE, ANTWERP & HAMBURG	ALESIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	Sachs	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 24th inst.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	SAMBIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	Lüning	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 7th Mar.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	RHENANIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	Behrens	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 21st Mar.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	SUEVIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	Knaisel	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 4th April.
GENOA, MARSEILLES & LIVERPOOL	AJAX	Brit. str.	1 m.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 20th inst.
GENOA, MARSEILLES & LIVERPOOL	PATROCLUS	Brit. str.	1 m.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 20th Mar.
NEW YORK, VIA PORTS & SUEZ CANAL	SENECA	Brit. str.	—		STANDARD OIL Co.	To-day, at 4 P.M.
NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL	RAS ISSA	Brit. str.	—		SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.	On 8th inst., at 4 P.M.
NEW YORK, VIA PORTS & SUEZ CANAL	SATSUMA	Brit. str.	—		DODWELL & Co., LD.	About 15th inst.
NEW YORK VIA SUEZ	NUBIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	Habel	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	Quick despatch.
VANCOUVER, VIA SHANGHAI, &c.	EMPRESS OF INDIA	Brit. str.	2 m.		CANADIAN PACIFIC R. Co.	On 8th inst
VANCOUVER, VIA SHANGHAI, &c.	ATHENIAN	Brit. str.	1 m.		CANADIAN PACIFIC R. Co.	On 15th Mar.
VICTORIA (B.C.) & TACOMA VIA JAPAN	LYRA	Brit. str.	—	G. V. Williams	DODWELL & Co., LIMITED.	To-day.
VICTORIA (B.C.) & SEATTLE VIA NAGASAKI, &C.	PINGSUEY	Brit. str.	1 m.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 6th Mar.
PORTLAND, OREGON	ARABIA	Brit. str.	—	Bahle	PORTLAND & ASIATIC S.S. Co.	On 13th inst., at Daylight.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS	TSINAN	Brit. str.	1 m.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 14th inst.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS	EMPIRE	Brit. str.	—	Helms	GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.	On 14th inst., at Noon.
TRIESTE, &c., VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	PERSIA	Aus. str.	—	Cragliotto	SANDER, WIELER & Co.	On 28th inst., P.M.
YOKOHAMA, VIA SHANGHAI, MOJI & KOBE	JAPAN	Brit. str.	—	E. P. Martin, R.N.R.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About 12th inst.
KOBE	HINSANG	Brit. str.	—		JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.	To-day, at 3 P.M.
BRISBANE & SYDNEY, VIA NEW GUINEA	PRINZ WALDEMAR	Ger. str.	—	C. Waltemas	MELCHERS & Co.	Quick despatch.
TIENTSIN	CHIHLI	Brit. str.	1 m.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 28th inst
SHANGHAI & CHIN-WAN-TAO	OPLAND	Nor. str.	—		SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.	To-day, at 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, HIOGO & YOKOHAMA	SACHSEN	Ger. str.	—	H. Feyen	MELCHERS & Co.	Quick despatch.
SHANGHAI	KWONGSANG	Brit. str.	—		JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.	To-morrow, at Daylight.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	CALEDONIEN	Fren. str.	—	Gregory	MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	About 6th inst.
SHANGHAI	HUPEH	Brit. str.	1 m.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 7th inst.
SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA & KOBE	RHENANIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	Behrens	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 7th inst., at 5 P.M.
SHANGHAI	BENGAL	Brit. str.	—	G. Philipps	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About 11th inst.
NINGPO & SHANGHAI	HUNAN	Brit. str.	1 m.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-day.
AMOY, STRAITS & RANGOON	PENTAKOTA	Brit. str.	—	C. Willis	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.	On 7th inst., at Daylight.
FOOCHOW, VIA SWATOW & AMOY	TRIUMPH	Jap. str.	—	A. Hansen	OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA	On 15th inst., at Daylight.
TAMSUI, VIA SWATOW & AMOY	M. STRUVE	Jap. str.	—	T. Brandt	OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA	On 5th inst., at Daylight.
TAMSUI, VIA SWATOW & AMOY	FRITHJOF	Jap. str.	—	H. A. Haraldsen	OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA	On 12th inst., at Daylight.
ANPING, VIA SWATOW & AMOY	B. BJORNSON	Jap. str.	—	C. A. Olsen	OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA	On 8th inst., at Daylight.
SWATOW	HAITAN	Brit. str.	2 h.	Roach	DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO.	To-day, at 4 P.M.
CEBU & ILOILO	KANSU	Brit. str.	1 m.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 13th inst.
MANILA	TEAN	Brit. str.	1 m.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 9th inst.
MANILA	YUENSANG	Brit. str.	—		JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.	To-day, at 3 P.M.
MANILA	ZAFIRO	Brit. str.	—	R. Rodger	SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.	To-day, at 3 P.M.
MANILA	RUBI	Brit. str.	—	R. W. Almond	SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.	On 11th inst., at 10 A.M.
MANILA	SHAWMUT	Brit. str.	—	W. M. Smith	DODWELL & Co., LD.	About 14th Mar.
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	KUMSANG	Brit. str.	—		JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.	On 9th inst., at 3 P.M.
SINGAPORE & SOURABAYA	FANSANG	Brit. str.	—		JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.	On 11th inst., at 3 P.M.
BOMBAY VIA SINGAPORE & PENANG	CAPRI	Brit. str.	—	Belsito	CARLOWITZ & Co.	On 13th inst. at Noon.
JAVA PORTS	TJILATJAP	Dut. str.	—		JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LIJN	Quick despatch.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL

STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL	REMARKS.
LONDON, &c.	SIMLA, F. R. Summers	Noon, 11th February	*See Special Advertisement.*
SHANGHAI	BENGAL, G. Philipps	About 11th February	Freight and Passage.
YOKOHAMA VIA SHANGHAI, MOJI and KOBE (Passing through the Inland Sea)	JAPAN, E. P. Martin, R.N.R.	About 12th February	Freight and Passage.
MARSEILLES, LONDON and ANTWERP DIRECT VIA SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO and PORT SAID	JAVA, S. Barcham	About 15th February	Freight and Passage.

For further Particulars, apply to

E. A. HEWETT.
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 27th January, 1905. [1

IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN.

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, NAPLES, GENOA, ANTWERP, BREMEN/HAMBURG, PORTS IN THE LEVANTE, BLACK SEA AND BALTIC PORTS; ALSO LONDON, NEW YORK, BOSTON, BALTIMORE, NEW ORLEANS, GALVESTON, AND SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.

STEAMERS WILL CALL AT GIBRALTAR and SOUTHAMPTON TO LAND PASSENGERS AND LUGGAGE.

N.B.—CARGO CAN BE TAKEN ON THROUGH BILLS OF LADING FOR THE PRINCIPAL PLACES IN RUSSIA

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION

STEAMERS.		SAILING DATES. 1904
ZIETEN	WEDNESDAY	15th February
SACHSEN	WEDNESDAY	1st March
PRINZESS ALICE	WEDNESDAY	15th March
PRINZ REGENT LUITPOLD	WEDNESDAY	29th March
PRINZ HEINRICH	WEDNESDAY	12th April
PRINZ EITEL FRIEDRICH	WEDNESDAY	26th April
PREUSSEN	WEDNESDAY	10th May
ROON	WEDNESDAY	24th May
BAYERN	WEDNESDAY	7th June
ZIETEN	WEDNESDAY	21st June
SACHSEN	WEDNESDAY	5th July
GNEISENAU	WEDNESDAY	19th July
SCHARNHORST	WEDNESDAY	2nd August
PREUSSEN	WEDNESDAY	16th August
PRINZ EITEL FRIEDRICH	WEDNESDAY	30th August

ON WEDNESDAY, the 15th day of FEBRUARY, 1905, at NOON, the Steamship "ZIETEN," Captain F. von Binzer, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port as above, CALLING AT NAPLES and GENOA.

Shipping Orders will be granted till NOON on MONDAY, the 13th February. Cargo and Specie will be received on Board until 5 P.M., on TUESDAY, the 14th February, and Parcels will be received at the Agency's Office until NOON on TUESDAY, the 14th February.

Contents of Packages are required. No Parcel Receipts will be signed for less than $2.50, and Parcels should not exceed Two Feet Cubic in Measurement.

The Steamer has splendid accommodation, and carries a Doctor and Stewardesses.

Linen can be washed on board.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

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Hongkong, 19th January, 1905. 5

SOUTH AFRICAN LINE OF STEAMERS.

HONGKONG DIRECT, OR VIA CHEFOO OR CHIN-WAN-TAO, TO DURBAN, NATAL

The following chartered steamers will run at intervals of about 3 weeks:—

S.S. "LOTHIAN"	Captain J. C. Williamson.
S.S. "SOFALA"	Captain G. A. Shepherd.
S.S. "INDRASHAMA"	Captain R. P. Craven.
S.S. "INDRAVELLI"	Captain S. Cullington.
S.S. "COURTFIELD"	Captain J. W. Martin.
S.S. "SWANLEY"	Captain J. P. Dawson.
S.S. "CRANLEY"	Captain W. E. Steele.
S.S. "IKBAL"	Captain M. Robertson.
S.S. "ASCOT"	Captain C. E. Cox.
S.S. "INKUM"	Captain E. S. Pearse.
S.S. "SIKH"	Captain J. Rowley.
S.S. "SEALDA"	Captain Geo. Brown.

For Freight, apply to

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.,
AGENTS.

Hongkong, 30th December, 1904. [19

PORTLAND & ASIATIC STEAMSHIP CO.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG S'HAI *via* INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, MOJI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA FOR **PORTLAND, OREGON**

OPERATING IN CONNECTION WITH THE **OREGON RAILROAD & NAVIGATION CO.**

STEAMSHIP	TONS.	CAPTAIN	TO SAIL AT DAYLIGHT ON
"ARABIA"	4,483	Bahle	February 13th, 1905.
"ARAGONIA"	5,198	Schuldt	March 5th, 1905.
"NICOMEDIA"	4,370	Wagner	March 31st, 1905.
"NUMANTIA"	4,370	Brehmer	April 20th, 1905.

Through Bills of Lading issued to Pacific Coast Points and all Eastern, Canadian and United States Points. For through rates of Freight and further information, communicate with or apply to

ALLAN CAMERON, GENERAL AGENT.

Hongkong, 24th January, 1905. 3

NORTHERN PACIFIC LINE.

BOSTON S. S. CO. BOSTON TOWBOAT CO.
CONNECTING AT TACOMA WITH
NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG FOR

VICTORIA B.C. AND TACOMA

VIA

MOJI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

Steamer.	Tons.	Captain.	Sailing Date.
‡ LYRA	4,417	G. V. Williams	Friday, February 3rd
HYADES	3,753	Geo. Wright	Wednesday, February 15th
‡ PLEIADES	3,753	F. G. Purington	Wednesday, March 15th
SHAWMUT	9,606	W M. Smith	Friday, March 24th

‡ Cargo only.

FOR MANILA.

The largest, steadiest, and most comfortable steamers for Manila.

S.S. SHAWMUT	9,606 tons,	W. M. Smith	About 14th March.
S.S. TREMONT	9,606 tons.	T. W. Garlick	About 14th April.

CHEAP FARES, EXCELLENT ACCOMMODATION, ATTENDANCE AND CUISINE. ELECTRIC LIGHT, DOCTOR AND STEWARDESS.

The twin-screw s.s. "SHAWMUT" and "TREMONT" have just been fitted with very Superior Accommodation for First and Second Class Passengers. The large size of these vessels ensures steadiness at sea. Electric fan in each room. Barber's shop and steam laundry. Cargo carried in cold storage.

PARCEL EXPRESS TO THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA.

For further information apply to—

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GENERAL AGENTS.

QUEEN'S BUILDINGS.
Hongkong, 24th January, 1905. [7

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE.

OSTASIATISCHER FRACHTDAMPFER-DIENST.

Taking Cargo at through rates to ANTWERP, AMSTERDAM, ROTTERDAM, COPENHAGEN, LISBON, OPORTO, LONDON, LIVERPOOL, GLASGOW, TRIESTE, GENOA, PORTS in the LEVANTE, BLACK SEA and BALTIC PORTS, NORTH and SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS.	DESTINATIONS.	SAILING DATES.	
SPEZIA, Capt. Ehlers	HAVRE and HAMBURG (Calling at Singapore and Colombo)	On 21st Feb.	Freight.
ALESIA, Capt. Sachs	HAVRE, ANTWERP and HAMBURG (Calling at Singapore, Penang and Colombo)	On 24th Feb.	Freight.
SAMBIA, Capt. Lüning	HAVRE and HAMBURG (Calling at Singapore, Penang and Colombo)	On 7th Mar.	Freight.
* RHENANIA, Capt. Behrens	HAVRE and HAMBURG (Calling at Singapore, Penang and Colombo) and Algiers for Passengers.	On 21st Mar.	Freight & Passengers.
SUEVIA, Capt. Knaisel	HAVRE and HAMBURG (Calling at Singapore, Penang and Colombo)	On 4th April.	Freight.
ARCADIA, Capt. Förck	ODESSA with transhipment at Singapore to sail from Singapore about	middle of Feb.	Freight.
ANDALUSIA, Capt. Filler	ODESSA to sail from Singapore about	middle of March	Freight.
NUBIA, Capt. Habel	NEW YORK VIA SUEZ with liberty to call at the Malabar coast	About beginning of April.	Freight.

* Special attention of intending Passengers is drawn to the splendid accommodation of the s.s. "RHENANIA." Saloons and cabins amidships. Lighted throughout by electricity.

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HONGKONG OFFICE, No. 1, QUEEN'S BUILDINGS

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VESSELS ON THE BERTH

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.
PAQUEBOTS—POSTE FRANCAIS.

FOR SHANGHAI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

THE Company's Steamship

"CALEDONIEN,"

Captain Gregory, will be despatched for the above ports on or about MONDAY, the 6th inst.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
L. BRIDOU,
Acting Agent.

Hongkong, 1st February, 1905. 2

AMERICAN-ASIATIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL
WITH LIBERTY TO CALL AT THE MALABAR COAST.
PROPOSED SAILINGS.

S.S. "RAS ISSA" ... ... About 8th Feb., 4 P.M.

For freight and further information apply to
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Agents.

Hongkong, 30th January, 1905. [98

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEN, EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS.
PLYMOUTH AND LONDON.
THROUGH BILLS OF LADING ISSUED FOR BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL, AMERICAN AND SOUTH AFRICAN PORTS.

THE Steamship

"SIMLA,"

Captain F. R. Summers, carrying His Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this for Bombay on SATURDAY, the 11th February, at NOON, taking passengers and cargo for the above ports in connection with the Company's s.s. "Britannia," 6525 tons, from Colombo. Passengers' accommodation in which vessel is secured before departure from Hongkong.

Silk and Valuables, all cargo for France, and Tea for London (under arrangement), will be transhipped at Colombo into the mail steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London; other cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed from Bombay by the R.M.S. "Macedonia," due in London on the 25th March, 1905.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 p.m. the day before sailing. The contents and value of all packages are required.

For further particulars, apply to
E. A. HEWETT,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 31st January, 1905. 1

EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.
(Calling at TIMOR, PORT DARWIN and QUEENSLAND PORTS, and taking through Cargo to ADELAIDE, NEW ZEALAND, TASMANIA, &c.)

THE Steamship

"EMPIRE,"

Captain Helms, will be despatched for the above ports on TUESDAY, the 14th February, at NOON.

This well-known Steamer is specially fitted for Passengers, and has a Refrigerating Chamber, which ensures the supply of Fresh Provisions, Ice, &c., throughout the voyage.

This Steamer is installed throughout with the Electric Light.

A Stewardess and a duly qualified Surgeon are carried.

N.B.—To assure the additional comfort of passengers the Steamers of the Company have electric fans fitted in staterooms.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 12th January, 1905. [226

NATAL LINE OF STEAMERS.

THE Undersigned GENERAL AGENTS in CHINA and JAPAN for the above Line are prepared to issue THROUGH BILLS OF LADING for all the principal ports in SOUTH AFRICA, in connection with INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION Co.'s fortnightly service hence to CALCUTTA. Sailings from CALCUTTA for CAPE PORTS every fortnight.

For Freight and further particulars, apply to
DODWELL & CO., LIMITED,
General Agents for China and Japan.

Hongkong, 4th August, 1904. 8

HONGKONG-MACAO LINE.

S.S. "WING CHAI,"
Captain T. Austin, R.N.R.

THIS Steamer departs from Hongkong on Week Days, at 8 A.M.; and on Sundays, at 8.30 A.M.: Departs from Macao on Week Days about 2.30 P.M. and on Sundays at 6.30 P.M.

FARES—(week days) 1st Class (including cabin and servant), Single $3, Return Ticket $5. 2nd Class $1. 3rd Class 50 cents.

Every Sunday will be on Excursion, at the following rates:

1st and 2nd Class, Single Ticket $1, Return $2. 3rd Class, Single 30 cents, Return 50 cents, Steerage 10 cents.

Tiffin and Dinner can be supplied either on board, or at the Macao Hotel, for returning Passengers only, at an extra charge of $2.

On Sundays, Passengers desiring to have a Private Cabin, which has accommodation for two or more Passengers, will be charged $3 extra.

First Class Passengers who do not care to return on the Excursion Sunday, will be allowed to do so the following day (Monday) on production of the Return Half Ticket. Should the Steamer not run on the Monday, owing to the Boiler cleaning, due notice will be given by the Captain, and the Half-ticket will be available for the following day.

The Steamer is lit throughout by Electricity.

The Steamer's Wharf at Hongkong is at the Western end of Wing Lok Street.

MING ON & CO.
2nd Floor, 16, Victoria Street.

Hongkong, 7th October, 1904. 21

FOR CANTON.

THE new and fast Twin-Screw Steamer

"SAN CHEUNG,"

951 Tons, Captain J. McGinty, will leave for Canton at 9 P.M., on SUNDAYS, TUESDAYS and THURSDAYS and return to Hongkong on the following days, leaving Canton at 5 P.M. Excellent accommodation, electric light, and perfect cuisine. Wharf at Hongkong near Harbour Office.

First-class Fare, $3 each way. Second-class, $1.50 each way. Meals, $1 each.

Cargo Freight very moderate.

CHEUNG ON STEAMBOAT CO., L'D
No. 147, Connaught Road Central.

Hongkong, 15th March, 1904 20

OCEAN STEAM SHIP CO., LD.
AND
CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LD.
JOINT SERVICES.

FORTNIGHTLY SAILINGS FOR LONDON AND CONTINENT.
MONTHLY SAILINGS FOR LIVERPOOL.

TAKING CARGO ON THROUGH BILLS OF LADING FOR ALL EUROPEAN, NORTH AND SOUTH AMERICAN, WEST AUSTRALIAN, JAVA, AND SUMATRA PORTS.

OUTWARDS.

FROM	STEAMERS	DUE
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL...	"STENTOR"	On 6th February.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL...	"PATROCLUS"	On 14th February.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL...	"ACHILLES"	On 21st February.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL...	"ANTENOR"	On 25th February.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL...	"OOPACK"	On 27th February.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL...	"PINGSUEY"	On 3rd March.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL...	"ULYSSES"	On 7th March.

HOMEWARDS.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
AMSTERDAM, LONDON and ANTWERP	"GLAUCUS"	On 14th February.
* GENOA, MARSEILLES and LIVERPOOL	"AJAX"	On 20th February.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON and ANTWERP	"IDOMENEUS"	On 28th February.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON and ANTWERP	"STENTOR"	On 14th March.
* GENOA, MARSEILLES and LIVERPOOL	"PATROCLUS"	On 20th March.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON and ANTWERP	"ACHILLES"	On 28th March.

* Taking Cargo for Liverpool at London Rates.

TRANS-PACIFIC SERVICE.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA, and all PACIFIC COAST PORTS, VIA NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	"PINGSUEY"	On 6th March.

For Freight, apply to—
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AGENTS.

Hongkong, 25th January, 1905. [9-10

CHINA NAVIGATION CO. LIMITED.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL.
NINGPO and SHANGHAI	† "HUNAN"	On 3rd February.
SHANGHAI	"HUPEH"	On h February.
MANILA	* "TEAN"	On 9th February.
CEBU and ILOILO	* "KANSU"	On 13th February.
PORT DARWIN, THURSDAY ISLAND, COOKTOWN, CAIRNS, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE	* ‡ "TSINAN"	On 14th February.
TIENTSIN	† "CHIHLI"	On 28th February.

* The attention of Passengers is directed to the superior accommodation offered by these steamers, which are fitted throughout with Electric Light. Unrivalled Table. A duly qualified Surgeon is carried.

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‡ Taking Cargo and Passengers at through rates for all New Zealand Ports and other Australian Ports.

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Hongkong, 3rd February, 1905. [11

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REGULAR STEAM-SHIP SERVICES BETWEEN HONGKONG, SOUTH CHINA COAST PORTS AND FORMOSA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

FOR	STEAMERS	LEAVING
TAMSUI, VIA SWATOW AND AMOY	"M. STRUVE" T. BRANDT	SUNDAY, 5th Feb., at Daylight.
ANPING, VIA SWATOW AND AMOY	"B. BJORNSON" C. A. OLSEN	WEDNESDAY, 8th Feb., at Daylight.
TAMSUI, VIA SWATOW AND AMOY	"FRITHJOF" H. A. HARALDSEN	SUNDAY, 12th Feb., at Daylight.
FOOCHOW, VIA SWATOW AND AMOY	"TRIUMPH" A. HANSEN	WEDNESDAY, 15th Feb., at Daylight.

On account of the present state of political affairs, all the Company's new steamers have been requisitioned for transport service, and the above-named chartered steamers have been secured instead for maintenance of the Company's coastal services. As soon as the state of affairs permit, the Company will resume running with its specially designed new steamers.

For Freight, Passage, and further information, apply at the Company's local Branch Office at No. 8 Des Voeux Road Central.

Hongkong, 26th January, 1905 T. ARIMA, Manager. [14

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Highest Class, newest, fastest and most luxurious Steamers between Hongkong and Manila. Saloon amidships. Electric Light Perfect Cuisine. SURGEON and STEWARDESS carried. All the most up to-date arrangements for comfort of Passengers.

CHINA AND MANILA
STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

STEAMSHIP	TONS.	CAPTAIN.	FOR	SAILING DATE.
ZAFIRO	2540	R. Rodger, ...	Manila.	Fri., 3rd Feb., 3 P.M.
RUBI	2540	R. W. Almond	Manila.	Sat., 11th Feb., 10 A.M.

For Freight or Passage apply to
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
GENERAL MANAGERS.

Hongkong, 30th January, 1905 116

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LIMITED.

PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG. SUBJECT TO ALTERATION).

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL.
* MANILA	"YUENSANG" ...	Fri., 3rd Feb., 3 P.M.
KOBE	"HINSANG"	Fri., 3rd Feb., 3 P.M.
† SHANGHAI	"KWONGSANG"	Sat., 4th Feb., D'light.
* SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	"KUMSANG"	Thurs., 9th Feb., 3 P.M.
SINGAPORE and SOURABAYA	"FAUSANG"	Sat., 11th Feb., 3 P.M.

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† Taking Cargo on Through Bills of Lading to Chefoo, Tientsin and Yangtsze Ports.

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JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,
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Hongkong, 3rd February, 1905. [18

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY CO.'S
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R.M.S. "EMPRESS OF JAPAN" ... 6,000 Tons ..... WEDNESDAY, 8th Mar.
R.M.S. "ATHENIAN" ..... 3,882 Tons ..... WEDNESDAY, 15th Mar.
R.M.S. "EMPRESS OF CHINA" ... 6,000 Tons ..... WEDNESDAY, 29th Mar.
R.M.S. "EMPRESS OF INDIA" ..... 6,000 Tons ..... WEDNESDAY, 19th April.

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9, Pedder Street.

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JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LIJN,
REGULAR FOUR-WEEKLY SERVICE BETWEEN
JAVA, CHINA AND JAPAN.

STEAMER	FROM	EXPECTED ON OR ABOUT	WILL LEAVE FOR	ON OR ABOUT
TJIPANAS.	JAVA PORTS	First half of March	JAPAN via SHANGHAI	First half of March
TJILATJAP..	JAPAN	Second half of February	JAVA PORTS	Second half of February
TJIMAHI ...	JAPAN	First half of March	JAVA PORTS	First half of March

The Steamers are all fitted throughout with Electric Light and have accommodation for a limited number of Saloon Passengers, and will take Cargo to all Netherlands-Indian ports on through Bills of Lading.

For Particulars of Freight and Passage, apply to the
HEAD AGENCY OF THE
JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LIJN.
Telephone No. 375.

Alexandra Buildings, 3rd Floor.
Hongkong, 3rd February, 1905. [16

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FRENCH MAIL STEAMERS.

STEAM FOR SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, COLOMBO, INDIA, ADEN, EGYPT, MARSEILLES, LONDON, HAVRE, BORDEAUX, MEDITERRANEAN AND BLACK SEA PORTS.

THE Steamship
"ERNEST SIMONS,"
Captain Bourdon, will be despatched for MARSEILLES on TUESDAY, the 7th February, 1905, at 1 P.M.

Passage tickets and through Bills of Lading issued for above ports.

Cargo also booked for principal places in Europe.

Next sailings will be as follows:
S.S. "POLYNESIEN" ... ... 21st February.
S.S. "CALEDONIEN" ... 7th March.
S.S. "CCEANIEN" ... ... 21st March.

L. BRIDOU,
Acting Agent.

Hongkong, 26th January, 1905. [2

NAVIGAZIONE GENERALE ITALIANA.
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STEAM FOR BOMBAY VIA SINGAPORE AND PENANG.

Having connection with Company's Mail Steamers to ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, MESSINA, NAPLES, LEGHORN and GENOA, also VENICE and TRIESTE, all MEDITERRANEAN, ADRIATIC, LEVANTINE and SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS up to CALLAO. (Taking Cargo at through rates to PERSIAN GULF and BAGDAD, also BARCELONA, VALENZA, ALICANTE, ALMERIA and MALAGA.)

THE Steamship
"CAPRI,"
Captain Belsito, will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 13th February, at NOON.

At Bombay the Steamer is discharging in Victoria Dock.

For further particulars regarding Freight and Passage, apply to
CARLOWITZ & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 1st February, 1905. [4

REGULAR STEAMSHIP SERVICE TO NEW YORK,
VIA PORTS AND SUEZ CANAL
(WITH LIBERTY TO CALL AT MALABAR COAST).

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

1904.	About
"SATSUMA"	15th Feb.
"RICHMOND CASTLE" ...	25th Feb.
"SAINT FILLANS"	10th Mar.

For Freight and further information, apply to
DODWELL & CO., LD.,
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Hongkong, 1st February, 1905. [2339

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Hongkong, 31st January, 1900.

SHIPPING IN PORT.

STEAMERS.

AGINCOURT, British str., 2,876, H. T. Worsnop, Hainan Island 1st Oct.—Gilman & Co.
ANDREE RICKMERS, German str., 1,020, H. Kohn, 31st Jan.,—Bangkok 26th Jan., Rice and Wood.—Butterfield & Swire.
ARDOVA, British str., 2,271, W. L. Smith, 29th January,—Moji 23rd Jan., Coal.—Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.
BJORNSTJERN BJORNSEN, Norw. str., 736, C. Olsen, 24th Jan.,—Sourabaya 14th Jan., General.—Aagaard, Thoresen & Co.
BURMA, Austrian str., 1,974, N. Valentin, 9th January,—Cardiff 19th Nov., Coal.—Order.
CEBU, Amr. str., 647, Antonio Fuchusagarri 31st Jan.,—Manila 28th January, General. —Order.
CHUNSANG, British str., 1,418, R. Cox, 1st February,—Swatow 31st Jan., General.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
CONFIDENZA, Italian str., 1,598, R. Loico, 16th January,—Cardiff 19th Nov., Carbone.—Java-China-Japan Lijn.
DEVAWONGSE, German str., 1,057, Gorhen, 11th Jan.,—Bangkok 6th Jan., Rice and Meal.—Norddeutscher Lloyd.
EASBY ABHEY, British str., 1,789, R. Prideaux, 30th Jan.,—Colombo 13th Jan., Coal.—Order.
EIGER, Norwegian str., 880, Chr. Rafen, 1st February,—Chinkiang 28th Jan., Rice.—Order.
EMPRESS OF INDIA, British str., 3,032, C. P. Marshall, R.N.R., 18th January,—Vancouver 26th December, Mails and General.—C. P. R. Co.
FORREST HALL, British ship, 1,991, P. A. Logan, 14th Jan.,—New York 7th August, Petroleum.—Standard Oil Co.
FRI, Norwegian str., 860, N. G. Andersen, 17th January,—Java 6th Jan., Sugar, Groundnuts, &c.—Order.
FRITHJOF, Norwegian str., 891, Haraldsen, 25th Jan.,—Tamsui, Amoy and Swatow 24th Jan., General.—Osaka Shosen Kaisha.
HAITAN, British str., 1,183, Roach, 22nd Jan., —Foochow 19th, Amoy 20th and Swatow 21st Jan., General.—Douglas Lapraik & Co.
HARBARTON, British str., 2,101, Duncombe, 25th Jan.,—Cardiff 1st Dec., Coal.—Order.
HINSANG, British str., 1,536, W. E. Sawer, 28th January,—Hongay 23th Jan., Coal.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
HOHNSTEIN, German str., 1,275, H. Hamer, 18th Jan.,—Sourabaya 7th Jan., Sugar.—Lauts, Wegener & Co.
HUE, French str., 705, Godinau, 27th Nov.,—Haiphong and Ports 26th Nov., General.—A. R. Marty.
HUNAN, British str., 1,143, Miller, 30th Jan., —Shanghai 26th Jan., General.—Butterfield & Swire.
HUPEH, British str., 1,204, Mathais, 31st Jan. —Wuhu 26th January, General.—Butterfield & Swire.
INDRAVELLI, British str., 3,125, S. Cullington 28th Nov.,—Shanghai 24th Nov.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
JUNO, American str., 742, R. M. de la Sala, 28th January,—Kobe 17th Jan. and Moji 20th, Coal.—G. C. Moxon.
KAIFONG, British str., 1,024, E. Finlayson, 27th Jan.,—Iloilo 23rd January, General.—Butterfield & Swire.
KALIBIA, British str., 3,149, F. Walker, 10th Jan.,—Kutchinotzu 5th Jan., Coal.—Bradley & Co.
KATHARINE PARK, British str., 3,075, W. H. Copp, 12th Jan.,—Sasebo (Japan) 8th Jan., Light.—Gibb, Livingston & Co.
KOHSIOHANG, German str., 1,294, C. Gorewitsch, 26th Jan.,—Bangkok 19th Jan., General. —Butterfield & Swire.
KWANGLEE, Chinese str., 1,505, R. Lincoln, 31st January,—Shanghai 28th January, General.—Chinese.
KWANGSE, British str., 1,201, Stott, 1st Feb., —Wuhu 26th Jan., General.—Butterfield & Swire.
KWONGSANG, British str., 1,423, W. P. Baker, 28th Jan.,—Shanghai 25th Jan., General. —Jardine, Matheson & Co.
LYEEMOON, German str., 1,238, Th. Lehmann, 29th Jan.,—Shanghai 26th Jan., General. —Siemssen & Co.
LYEA, German str., 3,516, Geo. V. Williams, 31st Jan.,—Manila 28th January.—Dodwell & Co.
KUMSANG, British str., 2,077, E. J. Buller, 29th January,—Calcutta 14th Jan., Penang 20th and Singapore 24th, General.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
MACQUARIE, British str., 2,440, St. John George, 14th Jan.,—Moji 9th Jan., Coal.—Gibb, Livingston & Co.
MEEFOO, Chinese str., 1,321, J. Whitelaw, 29th January,—Shanghai 25th Jan., General.—Chinese.
M. STRUVE, German str., 966, P. Brandt, 1st February,—Tamsui, Amoy and Swatow 31st January, General.—Osaka Shosen Kaisha.
OSCAR II., Norwegian str., 2,000, R. Olsen, 16th Jan.,—Kutchinotzu 10th Jan., Coal. —M. B. Kaisha.
PAKLING, British str., 2,875, Rodway, 1st Feb., —Singapore 26th Jan., General.—Butterfield & Swire.
POSCHAN, German str., 2,164, Limcke, 26th January,—Moji 21st Jan., Coal.—Jebsen & Co.
POWDERHAM, British str., 1,497, A. B. Toms, 9th Jan.,—from Bangkok, Coal.—Order.
PRINZ WALDEMAR, German str., 3,227, C. Woltomas, 1st Feb.,—Yokohama, Kobe via Moji 25th Jan., General.—Melchers & Co.
PROGRESS, German str., 682, F. Bremer, 16th January,—Chefoo 12th Jan., General.—Siemssen & Co.
SCOTSMAN, British str., 1,065, Mackenzie, 29th January,—Saigon 24th Jan., Rice.—Dodwell & Co.
SENECA, British str., 3,171, W. Grimes, 1st February,—Shanghai 29th Jan., General. —Standard Oil Co.
SIKH, British str., 3,216, Rowley James, 12th January,—Durban 19th December.—Gibb, Livingston & Co.
SOBRALENSE, British str., 1,232, Robert Dean, 28th Jan.,—Moji 23rd Jan., Coal.—Order.
TELEMACHUS, British str., 1,540, J. Williamson, 28th Jan.,—Saigon 23rd Jan., Rice and Meal.—Chinese.
TJIMAHI, Dutch str., 6,000, N. W. Jurrianse 28th January,—Macassar 31st December, General.—Java-China-Japan-Lijn.
TYR, Norwegian str., 1,864, Danielsen, 26th January,—Tonkin 24th January, Coal.—Shewan, Tomes & Co.
WAISHING, British str., 1,170, M. Courtney, 29th Jan.,—Wuhu 25th January, Rice.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
YUENSANG, British str., 1,128, P. H. Rolfe, 21st Jan.,—Manila and Amoy 20th Jan., General.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
ZAFIRO, British str., 1,611, R. Rodger, 30th January,—Manila 28th January, General. —Shewan, Tomes & Co.

SAILING SHIPS.

GEO. T. HAY, British ship, 2,000, E. Spicer, 20th Dec.,—Cebu 26th Nov., Ballast.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.
PRINCE ROBERT, Norwegian 4-m. barque, 2,655, Hansen, 22nd Nov.,—New York 9th July, Petroleum.—Standard Oil Co.

BRITISH WARSHIPS.

ALACRITY, British despatch-vessel, 1,700, Comdr. R. M. Harbord.
ALBION, H.M. battleship, 12,950, Fremantle.
ALGERINE, British sloop, 1,050, Rowland Nugent.
BRITOMART, British gunboat, 710, Com. T. D. Pratt.
CHERUB, water tank and tug.
GLORY, British battleship, 13,000, Hon. W. G. Stopford.
HANDY, torpedo boat destroyer.
OTTER, torpedo boat destroyer, Lieut. E. H. Jellicoe.
PHŒNIX, British sloop, 1,050, John Nicholas.
RAMBLER, British surveying-ship, 835, Monro.
ROSARIO, British sloop, 960, Vivian.
TAKU, British destroyer, 250, Cranford.
TAMAR, receiving ship, Commodore C. G. Dicken.
TWEED, British gunboat, 362, R. H. Keate
VIRAGO, torpedo-boat destroyer.
WATERWITCH, British surveying-ship, 630, Comdr. E. C. Hardy.

FOREIGN WARSHIPS.

ADAMASTOR, Portuguese cruiser, 1,960, Ribeiro.
CALLAO, U.S. gunboat, 235, Lieut. Dismaker.
KAISERIN ELISABETH, Austrian cruiser, 4,000, Mirtl Franz.
LUCHS, German gunboat, 850, Kroencke.
SPERBER, German gunboat, Capt. Oxe.

HIS BRITANNIC MAJESTY'S SHIPS IN THE CHINA SQUADRON.

Alacrity, despatch-boat, 1,700 tons, 10 guns, 3,000 h.p., Com. R. M. Harbord, Hongkong
Albion, battleship, 12,950 tons, 16 guns, Capt. Fremantle, Hongkong.
Algerine, sloop, in reserve, Hongkong
Amphitrite, 1st class cruiser, 11,000 tons, 18,000 h.p., Capt. Charles Windham, C.V.O., Weihaiwei.
Andromeda, cruiser, 12,500 tons, Capt. Nelson Ommanney, Mirs Bay
Astraea, 2nd class cruiser, 4,360 tons, 10 guns, 7,000 i.h.p., Captain Lionel G. Tufnell Mirs Bay
Bramble, gunboat, in reserve, Hongkong
Britomart, gunboat, in reserve, Hongkong
Centurion, battleship, 10,500 tons, Capt. Fegen Mirs Bay
Fame, torpedo-boat destroyer, 360 tons, 6 guns, 5,700 h.p., Lieut.-Comdr. C. Asser, Hongkong
Glory, battleship, 12,950 tons, 16 guns, 13,500 h.p., Capt Hon. W. G. Stopford, Hongkong
Handy, torpedo-boat destroyer, 260 tons, 6 guns, 4,000 h.p., in reserve
Hart, torpedo-boat destroyer, 260 tons, 6 guns, 4000 h.p., Hongkong
Hogue, cruiser, 12,000 tons, Captain Shortland, Mirs Bay
Humber, storeship, 1,640 tons, Comdr. P. M. Rindore, *en route* Weihaiwei
Iphigenia, 2nd class cruiser, 3,600 tons, Capt. Fawcknor, Mirs Bay
Janus, torpedo-boat destroyer, 280 tons, 6 guns, 3,900 h.p., Lieut.-Comdr. J. A. Gregory, Hongkong
Kinsha, river gunboat, 331 tons, Lieut.-Comdr. Christopher P. Metcalf, on Yangtsze
Moorhen, river gunboat, 180 tons, 2 guns, Lieut.-Comdr. F. B. Noble, Hongkong
Ocean, battleship, 12,950 tons, 16 guns, 13,500 i.h.p., Captain Greet, C.M.G., Mirs Bay
Otter, torpedo-boat destroyer, 350 tons, in reserve
Phœnix, sloop, in reserve, Hongkong
Rambler, surveying-ship, 583 tons, Comdr. Chas. E. Monro, Hongkong
Robin, river gunboat, 85 tons, 2 guns, 240 h.p., Lieut.-Comdr. Vaughan, West River
Rosario, sloop, in reserve, Hongkong
Sandpiper, river gunboat, 85 tons, 2 guns, 240 h.p., Lieut.-Comdr. H. T. Atlay, West River
Sirius, 2nd class cruiser, 3,600 tons, Capt. C. H. H. Moore, Shanghai
Snipe, river gun-boat, 85 tons, 2 guns, 240 h.p., Lieut.-Comdr. Ernest W. G. Davidson, on Yangtsze
Sutlej, 1st class cruiser, 12,000 tons, 21,000 i.h.p., Capt. Wm. L. Grant, Mirs Bay
Taku, torpedo-boat destroyer, 250 tons, 6 guns, 5,600 h.p., Hongkong
Tamar, receiving ship, 4,600 tons, 6 guns, Commodore C. G. Dicken, at Hongkong
Teal, river gunboat, 180 tons, 2 guns, Lieut.-Comdr. E. F. R. Dagmore, on Yangtsze
Thetis, cruiser, 3,400 tons, Capt. J. C. A. Wilkinson, Singapore
Tweed, gunboat, in reserve, Hongkong
Vengeance, battleship, 12,950 tons, 12 guns, 13,500 i.h.p., Capt. L. C. Stuart, C.M.G., Mirs Bay
Virago, torpedo-boat destroyer, 360 tons, in reserve
Waterwitch, surveying-ship, 630 tons, 450 i.h.p., Comdr. E. C. Hardy, Hongkong
Whiting, torpedo-boat destroyer, 360 tons, 6 guns, 5,900 h.p., Lieut.-Comdr. Wells, Hongkong
Wivern, coast defence ship, armoured, 2,570 tons, 1,000 h.p., in reserve, Hongkong
Woodcock, gunboat, 150 tons, 2 guns, 550 h.p., Lieut.-Comdr. Hugh Somerville, Yangtse

POST OFFICE NOTICES

The Post Office will be entirely closed on Saturday, the 4th February (Chinese New Year's day). On Monday, the 6th inst., the office will be open from 8 a.m., until 9 a.m. Correspondence posted up to 9 a.m. only will be sent out for delivery on that day.

The Money Order Office will be closed on both days.

The *Caledonien*, with the French Mail of the 6th January, left Singapore on Monday, the 30th inst., at 8.30 p.m. and may be expected here on or about Monday, the 6th inst. This packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on the 3rd December.

MAILS WILL CLOSE

FOR	PER	DATE.
Canton	*Fatshan*	Friday, 3rd, 7.30 A.M.
Macao	*Wingchai*	Friday, 3rd, 7.30 A.M.
Quang Chow Wan, Hoihow, Pakhoi & Haiphong	*Hue*	Friday, 3rd, 9.00 A.M.
Moji, Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria B.C. and Tacoma (Washington)	*Lyra*	Friday, 3rd, 10.00 A.M.
Friedrich Wilhelmshafen, Herbertshohe, Matupi, Brisbane and Sydney	*Prinz Waldemar*	Friday, 3rd, 10.00 A.M.
Macao	*Heungshan*	Friday, 3rd, 1.15 P.M.
Manila	*Zafiro*	Friday, 3rd, 2.00 P.M.
Manila	*Yuensang*	Friday, 3rd, 2.00 P.M.
Kobe	*Hinsang*	Friday, 3rd, 2.00 P.M.
Shanghai, Chinwantao and (Tientsin via Chinwantao	*Opland*	Friday, 3rd, 3.00 P.M.
Ningpo and Shanghai	*Hunan*	Friday, 3rd, 3.00 P.M.
Haiphong	*Hongkong*	Friday, 3rd, 4.00 P.M.
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	*Sachsen*	Friday, 3rd, 5.00 P.M.
Namtao	*Taichun*	Friday, 3rd, 5.00 P.M.
Shanghai	*Kwongsang*	Friday, 3rd, 5.00 P.M.
Sanbue	*Hoifu*	Friday, 3rd, 5.00 P.M.
Canton	*Powan*	Friday, 3rd, 5.00 P.M.
Canton	*Fatshan*	Sunday, 5th, 9.00 A.M.
Quang Chow Wan	*Domenico*	Monday, 6th, 9.00 A.M.
Amoy, Straits and Rangoon	*Pentakota*	Monday, 6th, 9.00 A.M.
EUROPE, &c., India via Tuticorin (Late Letters 11.00 to 11.30 A.M. Extra Postage 10 cents.) (Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail)	*Ernest Simons*	Tuesday, 7th, Printed Matter and Samples 10.00 A.M. Registration 10.00 A.M. (Registration, with late fee of 10 cents, up to 10.45 A.M.) Letters 11.00 A.M.
Shanghai	*Hupeh*	Tuesday, 7th, 3.00 P.M.
NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, HONOLULU and SAN FRANCISCO (Supplementary mail on board up to the time fixed for departure of the mail. Extra Postage 10 cents)	*Mongolia*	Wednesday, 8th, Printed Matter and Samples 10.00 A.M. Registration 10.00 A.M. (Registration, with late fee of 10 cents, up to 10.30 A.M.) Letters 10.45 A.M.
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, VICTORIA and VANCOUVER (B.C.) (Supplementary mail on board up to the time fixed for departure of the mail. Extra Postage 10 cents)	*Empress of India*	Wednesday, 8th, Printed Matter and Samples 10.00 A.M. Registration 10.00 A.M. (Registration, with late fee of 10 cents, up to 10.30 A.M.) Letters 10.45 A.M.
Singapore, Penang and Calcutta	*Kumsang*	Thursday, 9th, 2.00 P.M.
Manila	*Tean*	Thursday, 9th, 3.00 P.M.

TO-MORROW.

Competitions for Spoons, Kowloon Bowling Greens, 2.30 p.m.

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CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

2nd February.

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Bank Bills, on demand 248
Credits, at 4 months' sight 251½

ON GERMANY.—
On demand 202

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Bank Bills, on demand 48⅛
Credits, 60 days' sight 48⅞

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Telegraphic Transfer 146¾
Bank, on demand 147

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Patna Old	$ —	to —	"
Benares New	$1077½	to —	"
Benares Old	$ —	to —	"

VESSELS EXPECTED.

THE FRENCH MAIL.

The M.M. steamer *Caledonien* left Singapore on Monday, the 30th Jan. at 8 p.m., for this port *via* Saigon.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The P.M. steamer *China*, from San Francisco to the 10th Jan. *via* Honolulu, left Yokohama for this port on the 31st Jan., a.m., *via* Kobe, &c.

The P.M. steamer *Manchuria* left San Francisco for this port *via* Honolulu, &c., on the 28th Jan.

THE GERMAN MAIL.

The I.G.M. steamer *Prinz Sigismund* left Sydney on the 21st Jan. at 11 a.m., and may be expected here on the 13th Feb.

THE CANADIAN MAIL.

The C.P.R. steamer *Empress of Japan* left Vancouver on Monday, the 23rd Jan., p.m., for Hongkong *via* the usual ports of call.

MERCHANT STEAMERS.

The Glen Line steamer *Glenfarg*, from London, left Singapore on the 28th Jan., and may be expected here to-day.

The A. A. steamer *Ras Issa* left Foochow on the 2nd Feb., a.m., and is due here on the 5th Feb., a.m.

The N.G.I. steamer *Capri* left Singapore for this port on the 31st Jan., and is due here on the 6th Feb.

The steamer *Gregory Apcar*, from Calcutta, left Singapore on the 31st Jan., p.m., and is due here on the 6th Feb.

The steamer *Germanicus* left Moji for this port on the 1st Feb.

The P. & A. steamer *Arabia* left Portland on the 5th Jan., and is due here on the 8th Feb.

The Indo-China steamer *Laisang* left Calcutta for this port *via* the Straits on the 28th Jan., and may be expected here on the 14th Feb.

The steamer *Lowther Castle* left New York on the 5th Dec.

The C.M. steamer *Keemun* left Tacoma (Wash.) for U.K. *via* Japan, Shanghai and Hongkong on the 28th Jan.

The P. & A. steamer *Aragonia* left Portland (Or.) on the 30th Jan., and is due here on the 3rd March.

STEAMERS PASSED THE CANAL.

Jan. 17th—*Prometheus, Scandia, Greenwich.* 20th—*Tonkin, Abergeldie.* 24th—*Candia, Flintshire, Nubia, Malacca, Princess Alice, Stephan, Senegambia.* 27th—*Oceanien, Seldon, Calchas, Seydlitz, Suevia, Ivingerdhorn, Menzell, Montrose.* 31st—*Barotse, Helene Rickmers, Oopack, Floridas, Hampstead.*

ARRIVALS AT HOME.

Jan. 23rd—*Ceylon*, 24th—*Fallodon Hall, Prinz-Eitel Friedrich.* 31st—*Manica, Diomed, Segovia.*

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per *Pentakota*, from Singapore, for Hongkong, Messrs. A. Beatty and J. Dunlop.

Per *Mongolia*, from San Francisco, Archbishop A. Agius, Lieut.-Comdr. J. B. Blish, Messrs. C. W. Brudrick, H. J. Dickenson, V. Quicque, A. R. Hager, Mrs. Hager, Mr. E. H. Jennings, Mrs. Jennings, Messrs. C. H. Kendall, W. J. King, A. D. Lewis, W. J. Lippy, E. R. Lindsay, R. W. Littlefield, M. A. Merten, J. B. Morton, C. L. Nash, Mrs. Nash, Messrs. D. H. Owings, M. V. del Rosario, Mrs. J. D. Russell and child, Mr. C. A. Stevens, Miss E. M. Tibbitts, Mgr. G. Petrelli, and Mr. H. T. Wilgress; from Honolulu, Miss S. L. King and Mr. J. A. Morgan; from Yokohama, Dr. V. Heiser, Messrs. M. Abe and Hy. P. Thompson; from Kobe, Mrs. Milton, Mr. F. V. Davies, Mrs. E. J. Post, Miss A. E. Knight, and Mr. J. E. Petaval; from Nagasaki, Mrs. E. A. Mossor; from Shanghai, Messrs. Jas. McKie, H. M. Bevis, T. Ward, Mrs. B. Moss, Master Moss, Mr. J. M. Turner, Mrs. and Miss Turner, Mrs. R. Taubman, Rev. P. H. Linn, Mrs. Linn, Messrs. S. Oka, K. Ogura, Lieut. Schischmoreff, Messrs. G. I. She Kury, C. S. Lee and Mrs. Lee.

Per *Sachsen*, for Hongkong, from Bremen, Mr. G. F. Preuss; from Southampton, Mrs. N. Pinkerton and Mr. F. W. Macgregor; from Genoa, Messrs. Joh. C. Kitzmantel, James B. Bronson and Robert Stalmann; from Colombo, Mr. Reynolds; from Singapore, Capt. J. Hall, Major-General F. Slade, Mrs. C. W. Vance, Mr. John Bushby, Capt. Farguharson, Messrs. F. Riedel, E. Holmes, S. Kato, Tamaguchi, D. Fotheringham, C. Takakoshi, and Matsui; for Shanghai, from Southampton, Dr. Cole, Mr. St Berry, Rev. G. L. Pullen, Mr. Wyatt, Mrs. E. M. Reid, Mr. A. E. Cornish, Mrs. M. Pearson, and Mr. John Harrison; from Genoa, Mrs. Gramutshikoff, Misses Nordmann and Hedwig Knipping, Dr. A. von Rostborn, Messrs. E. Munder, Rud. Boehme, T. B. Bauer, Reinhold Walsman, Aug. Kruse, Carlos Rogge, Ch. Seisted, Walther Busse, Boris Ketun and Luigi Marzoli; from Naples, Messrs. Gunlin Barluzzi, Giuseppe Falloni and Gackenholz; from Suez, Mr. and Mrs. F. Rabinovitsch; from Colombo, Messrs. Sedel and Braunstein, Mr. and Mrs. Karsmener, Messrs. Mary Pear and H. Kop; from Penang, Mr. Chill; from Singapore, Mr. Schaepman, Misses Ross and Kora Ross, and Mrs. White; for Tsingtau, from Genoa, Mr. Gerloch and Capt. von Sommera; for Nagasaki, from Penang, Mrs. Kondo Fude, Mrs. S. Hisa, Mrs. Yamamoto Yao, Mrs. Segowa Mon; from Singapore, Messrs. Kimura, Kadaya, Okamoto, and Miss Ohchito; for Kobe, from Southampton, Messrs. Fujioka and Suychiro; from Genoa, Mr. Kojiro Iwasaki; from Colombo, Mr. K. Daiko; from Singapore, Messrs. Fuje, Ohashi, Namura, Tema and Fukai; for Yokohama, from Bremen, Mr. Kichinose Ishnit; from Antwerp, Mr. Fr. Ingold; from Southampton, Mr. Charles Lund; from Genoa, Prof Ad. Fischer, Mrs. Paul Helm; from Port Said, Mr. Albert Meyer; from Penang, Capt. and Mrs. Long, Mr. E. Watson; from Singapore, Messrs. E. L. Torstrick, G. Straehl and O. Stanley-Gibbons.

HONGKONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hongkong Observatory 2nd February.

	Previous Day at 4 p.m.	On Date at 10 a.m.	On Date at 4 p.m.
Barometer	30.07	30.24	30.16
Temperature	54	53	53
Humidity	87	83	81
Wind Direction	NW	—	WNW
" Force	1	0	1
Weather	o	o	o
Rain	—	0.01	—

	1905	1904
Highest open air Temperature on 1st	57	—
Lowest open air Temperature on 1st	52	—

JOINT STOCK SHARES.

Hongkong, 2nd February.

COMPANY.	PAID UP.	QUOTATIONS.
Banks—		
Hongkong & S'hai.	$125	$720. L'don, £75.
Natl Bank of China		
A. Shares	£8	$38.
B. Shares	£8	$38.
Foun. Shares	£1	$10.
Insurance—		
Union	$100	$760, sellers
China Traders	$25	$55½, sales
North China	£5	Tls. 96, sellers
Yangtsze	$60	$160.
Canton	$50	$265, buyers
Hongkong Fire	$50	$340, sellers
China Fire	$20	$93.
Steamship Coys.—		
H., Canton and M.	$10	$26, sellers
Indo-China S. N.	$15	$124, buyers
China and Manila	$50	$23.
Douglas Steamship	$50	$34, buyers
Star Ferry	$10 $5	$38, sellers $20, sellers
Shell Transport & Trading Co.	£1	22s., sales
Refineries—		
China Sugar	$100	$220, buyers
Luzon Sugar	$100	$22½, sales & buy.
Mining—		
Charbonnages	Fcs. 250	$490.
Raub	18/10	$5¼.
Docks Etc.—		
H. & W. Dock	$50	$208, buyers
H. & K. Wharf & G.	$50	$104½, old $102, new sellers
New Amoy Dock	$6¼	$27, sellers
S.C.F., Boyd & Co., Ld.	Tls. 100	Tls. 163, buyers
Land and Building—		
Hongkong Land Inv.	$100	$134, ex div., sel.
Kowloon Land & B.	$30	$37, ex div., buy
West Point Building	$50	$57½, ex div., sel.
Hongkong Hotel	$50	$141, buyers
Humphreys E.	$10 $10	$15. $12½.
Shanghai Land	$50	Tls. 115
Cotton Mills—		
Ewo	Tls. 50	Tls. 25, buyers
International	Tls. 75	Tls. 24.
Laou Kung Mow	Tls. 100	Tls. 30.
Soychee	Tls. 500	Tls. 150, sellers
Hongkong	$10	$13.
Companies—		
Alhambra, Ld.	$500	$100, buyers
Bell's Asbestos E. A.	12s. 6d.	$8¼.
Campbell, Moore & Co.	$10	$40, sellers
China-Borneo Co., Ld.	$12	$15.
China Prov. L. & M.	$10	$8½, sellers
Dairy Farm	$6	$12, buyers
Geo. Fenwick & Co.	$25	$43, sellers
Green Island Cement	$10	$25½, sellers
Hongkong Electric	$10 $5	$16, buyers $9½, sellers
Hongkong & C. Gas	£10	$160, buyers
H. H. L. Tramways	$100	$265.
Hongkong Ice	$25	$255, sales
Hongkong Rope	$50	$155, sellers
Hk. Steam Water-boat Co. Ld.	$10	$20, sellers
Philippine Co., Ld.	$10	$9½, sellers
S. & H. Dyeing & C. Co., Ld.	$50	$50.
S. China Morning Post	$25	$22.
China Light and Power Co., Ld.	$10	$9½, sellers
Steam Laundry Co., Ld.	$5 $3	$7, buyers $4, buyers
United Asbestos	$4	$9½.
Do.	$10	$150.
Watkins, Ld.	$10	$9, sellers
Watson & Co., A.S.	$10	$12½, sales $12, buyers
William Powell, Ld.	$10	$12½, sales & sel.

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HONGKONG TIDE TABLE.

From 3rd to the 9th February.

To correct Zone Time add 23 min. and 18 sec.

		HIGH WATER.		LOW WATER.	
Day of Week.	Day of Month.	Hongkong Mean Time.	Height.	Hongkong Mean Time.	Height.
		h. m.	ft. in.	h. m.	ft. in.
Fri.	3	m 9 51	4 5	m 3 4	6
		8 33 a	7 2	1 57 a	3 5
Sat.	4	m 10 24	4 6	m 3 37	0 9
		9 16 a	7 3	2 57 a	1 1
Sun.	5	m 10 53	4 7	m 4 9	0 8
		9 50 a	7 2	3 15 a	3 0
Mon	6	m 11 19	4 7	m 4 39	0 9
		10 21 a	7 0	3 52 a	2 9
Tues.	7	m 11 42	4 8	m 5 10	1 1
		10 50 a	6 7	4 28 a	2 9
Wed.	8	0 4 a	4 8	m 5 30	1 4
		11 18 a	6 3	5 5 a	2 0
Thurs.	9	0 25 a	4 9	m 4 7	1 8
		11 47 a	5 8	6 46 a	3 1

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